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'It is time for a radical change'

Potential changes to local government could see borough council scrapped

Portland council could be scrapped and the borough absorbed into a new larger council within the next three years.

And county councillors have already shown support for the formation of two unitary authorities in Dorset, a shire one merging Weymouth and Portland, West Dorset, Purbeck, North Dorset and East Dorset councils with a

by Harry Walton

second unitary authority coming from the merger of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch.

It is still early days, but the potential for dramatic change was highlighted by Weymouth and Portland Labour leader and economic spokesman Councillor Mike Byatt.

He said that the current financial crisis facing local councils meant changes would have to be made which

the borough council in Weymouth and Portland.

He added: "Radical changes to local governement in Dorset will mean the borough council will become part of a bigger council.

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LUCY Hart moved to Dorset in 2002 having grown up near Wantage in Oxfordshire.

After school she embarked on a career in sales for 13 years before deciding she had enough of travelling up and down the country and wanted to find a job more

She worked for AmSafe in Bridport for five of those years before applying for the job as show secretary for the Melplash Agricultural Show in 2010. She is also secretary for local charity West Dorset Mencap and has been involved with Bridport Christmas Cheer, on the committee for three years.

WHAT would you say is the most strenuous part of your job and other committees you are involved in?

The most strenuous part is probably the month before and the month after the show. The huge number of enquiries, phone calls, emails and things to do, and physically moving the show office to the showground each year are all very strenuous, but I have a great team to help me and I couldn't do it without them!

The build up to the show is immense and adrenalin keeps you going, the month after is a sombre time packing everything away but it is never long before we are looking forward to the next year!

WHAT do you like to do in your spare time? Spare time is spent walking my dog, a good opportunity to reflect on the day and plan for the

WHAT is your fondest memory of being part of the Melplash Agricultural Show?

In 2014 I was honoured to be awarded the Edgar Bishop Memorial Salver at the show, this is awarded annually to the person who has done the most to further the aims for which the Society was established.

It was an opportunity for me to reflect on how very fortunate I am to have such a wonderful job at the heart of the local community.

WHAT is your favourite part of the show? My favourite part of the show is when everything is set up and the gates open - there are so many people who work very hard to make the show



such a fantastic event. I work very hard to ensure that the show really is a showcase for West Dorset and it is very rewarding to see everyone enjoying the day and learning about or seeing something



TELL us a bit more about West Dorset Men-

West Dorset Mencap has a thriving charity shop managed by Kelly and her team. All of the funds that are raised are used to support people who live locally with a learning disability. This could be anything from supporting a community project such as dance workshops at Bridport Arts Centre to individuals who are setting up their own home and need to buy equipment.

We own a caravan at Littlesea offering accessible holidays for families looking for a break away. Social acitivities are very important particularly with our rural location and we are pleased to support both the Gateway Club and Bridport Busy Bees who both organise a good number of events. Our charity really does do so much and I am proud to be associated with them.

IS there anything new or exciting you can tell us about this year's Melplash Agricultural

This year we are really excited about building on the success of our Discover Farming project which offers children of all ages interactive demonstrations and hands-on farm to food activities both at our show and also at our classroom at Washingpool Farm, which we encourage local schools to visit.

This year we are launching a Farmers for the Future marquee which is aimed at older children and demonstrating the latest technology and career possibilities within the agricultural industry.

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County council vote for change in Dorset

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"Decisions will be made by council leaders and councillors as to which option they prefer."

Some action will be needed this year, he said, because of the need to get started on a framework for the new council.

Mr Byatt said: "By 2019 we could be in a new council for Dorset, so councillors will have to make proposals and get government backing by early 2017.
"The medium term strate-

"The medium term strategic future financial position of the council is not sustainable within major economic growth and private and public investment and commercial development in the town centre and on Portland.

"Economic plans are essential for all councils in the future.

"The government wants us to focus on jobs, building housing, home ownership, infrastructure, competitiveness, apprenticeships and skills.

"Boosting economic growth is critical because the current financial government grants councils receive from central government will be abolished in 2019 and councils will be required to pay back local councils' tax money to government.

"In Weymouth and Portland this could be up to £1 million pounds for 2019 and 2020."

Mr Byatt said that the new council would have fewer councillors and generate savings to management and administration costs.

But he added that those savings and budget cutting costs would help secure financial stability. Mr Byatt said: "It is time

for a radical change and focus on economic growth, houses, new business, skills opportunities, the best use of broadband and the opportunities of digital technology.

"Doing nothing and staying the same is no longer an option. It is up to councillors to recognise the reality of change and focus on economic growth."

Extensive public consultation is planned over the potential changes which councillors hope won't just reap financial benefits but be better for communities as a whole.

Jurassica board to continute Michael's vision

THE Jurassica board of trustees have announced the unanimous decision to press forward with the Jurassica project on Portland, following the sudden death of its visionary founder, Michael Hanlon, four weeks ago.

Chair Tracey Brown said: "The board is going to move forward to secure planning permission, which we aim to achieve in 2017. That will take Jurassica to the next phase.

"Over the next 18 months, our worldleading project team will be developing our plans and we will be fundraising heavily in support of this. To demonstrate

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commitment, every trustee has made an immediate personal donation."

Sir David Attenborough, Patron of Jurassica, said: "Michael Hanlon had a thrilling vision for Jurassica – ways of using new techniques to bring to life the ancient sea monsters whose bones are still being discovered on this part of the English Coast. It will transform our vision of the prehistoric world. It must happen."

Jurassica is the vision of Michael Han-

lon, a science writer and journalist who grew up in Dorset. He wrote six popular science books, including the best-selling 'Science of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' and an in-depth account of NASA's Galileo mission to Jupiter.

Mr Hanlon founded Jurassica in 2013, securing support from, amongst others, the architect Renzo Piano, engineers Arup, and Sir David Attenborough as the project's Patron.

Michael died of a heart attack on February 9th after being rushed to hospital with severe chest pains following a board meeting. He was 51-years-old.



WORK on re-profiling Weymouth beach has finished – just in time for the start of the school Easter holidays.

Local firm, Crooks, have been working on the beach with their giant diggers, lorries and bulldozers, moving around thousands of tons of sand which have been shifted by winter storms, in places causing new ridges and terraces to form.

Much of the excessive seaweed which littered the beach earlier in the year has also gone, some of it removed by machine, but a lot of it washed back out to sea.

Work is also continuing on removing the temporary winter wind-breaks which are installed along the Esplanade to stop wind-blown sand from getting onto the roads close to the seafront. They should all be removed by Easter weekend.

As reported in last week's *View From* tourism businesses are hoping for a bumper season this year with a busy schedule of new and regular events throughout the rest of the year.



ON Sunday when volunteers throughout Dorset were cleaning up litter this was the public litter bin at the Chesil beach car park between Wyke Regis and Portland.

"It's an eyesore, people are obviously looking for somewhere to put their litter, but this is all there is. It's almost always overflowing with litter blowing about the place. What sort of impression does this give to visitors," said a woman who had stopped at the nearby café for a cup of tea.

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■ WEYMOUTH Sainsbury's staff prepare for their Sport Relief fundraising weekend

Sport Relief fever hits Sainsbury's

SAINSBURY'S Superstore in Weymouth is joining in with Sport Relief 2016 by holding a fun weekend on March 18th-20th.

In the last two years, Sport Relief cash raised around the UK has enabled more than 189,000 children to attend school and get an education, 16,500 people to get the support they need to improve their mental health and over 734,000 children to be given life-saving vaccines as well as funding for 23 projects that support

people living with dementia in the UK.

As a major partner, Sainsbury's has always shown strong support in the communities it serves with fun events.

Sainsbury's Weymouth will be having fancy dress days, colleague bake offs, cup cake sales, and Sport Relief scratch cards with great prizes at its Mercery Road site.

Spokesman Peter Brown said: "On Saturday, March 19th, Julien Lawes and his team from New Body Fitness will assist Sainsbury's colleagues with a Fun Kids Multi Sports Zone Challenge in the car park of the store.

"On Sunday, March 20th in store there will be a sports personality treasure hunt around the aisles.

"There's lots of fun merchandising to be had and all proceeds from these events and sales goes to Sport Relief. Join us and do yourself proud with support for this great event and make a difference to lives around the UK and abroad. Call us for more information on 01305-321200."

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Death Notice

WHELLER - KEITH

Formerly of Charmouth. Passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long illness aged 70, on Wednesday 9th March. Will be sadly missed by Angus and Family.

Funeral service will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd March at 12.15pm

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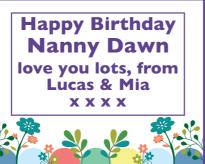
One good thing about being 60 is you argue less. It's not so much that you're nicer, you just can't hear each other. Lots of Love Alan, Aimee & Joel xxxx













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Council to hold further library consultations

A FURTHER consultation with library users is being planned to help shape the service for the future in Dorset.

Councillor Colin Jamieson, Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for economy and growth, said: "Although the need to look at the service has come from current budget limitations, it is good business practice to reassess our offering, help us deliver a targeted library service to residents.

"We want to understand the impact of any changes on our customers and by working with communities and the voluntary sector, we will try to reduce the

County council investigates options to save £1.5million

TWO options are being investigated by Dorset County Council to save more than £1.5million from its support services.

Officers are investigating keeping 'backroom' functions such as IT, customer services and human resources in-house, possibly working with other local councils – or recruiting external partners to run the serv-

But with the legal costs, alone, of the privatisation option put at up to £100,000, a report to councillors says the in-house route is likely to offer better value for money at the present

The changes are expected to come into place during the 2017-2018 financial year, but have yet to be agreed by coun-

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effects that any alterations may bring.

The council will be consulting on maintaining the mobile library service, which goes to residential homes, provided by the council's Home Library Service mobile library. The council also want to understand the impact of removing the public mobile library services in more detail and to look at overcoming access issues by extending the Home Library Service in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS). They also want to consider the opportunities available within communities to create access to library services and contact with other people through car-sharing, good neighbour schemes etc.

Details of how to take part will be circulated throughout the library service and via parish councils. The consultation will take place during April and May.

A previous consultation had already looked at the numbers of people using the mobile library services and services are being withdrawn from areas with low levels of use. This has allowed a reduction in the number of vehicles from four to three and avoided spending on a replacement vehicle which would otherwise be needed.

New mobile library timetables will start from 9th May.

Campaign to make coast a national park subject of talk

A TALK about the campaign to persuade the Government to designate the Dorset and Devon Jurassic Coast as a National Park will be delivered at Stratton Village Hall this weekend.

The talk will be given by campaigner Sandra Brown to the annual meeting of the West Dorset group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The meeting starts at 10am with complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits served prior to the

The meeting is open to non-CPRE members.

For further information and to confirm your attendance please contact Richard Nicholls, richardnicholls452@btinternet.c om or telephone 01308 422679.



Sandra Brown – campaigning for the Dorset coast to become a National Park

ST Peter's Church, Dorchester: This thriving town centre church, particularly noted for its strong choral tradition, is looking for a suitably qualified Organist/Musical Director. There is a dedicated, robed SATB choir of about 25 members affiliated to the RSCM and also a scheme of choral scholarships for local young

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- BETWEEN Midnight and 6am on Wednesday, March 9th unknown offenders broke into an outbuilding on Alma Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160041147 refers.
- BETWEEN 10.30pm on Monday, March 7th and 8.10am on Tuesday, March 8th unknown offenders stole a bumper from a white VW Transporter van parked on Chickerell Road, Chickerell, Weymouth. Crime number 55160040960 refers.
- BETWEEN 9pm on Monday, March 7th and 8.30am on Tuesday, March 8th unknown offenders caused criminal damage to a silver Mercedes E270 car and a blue BMW 525 car parked on Wyke Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160040263 refers.
- BETWEEN 8am and 2pm on Wednesday, March 2nd unknown offenders have broken into a property on Overlands Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160040001 refers.
- AT around 1am on Sunday, March 6th unknown offenders caused criminal damage by setting fire to a blue Rover parked on Ferndale Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160039336 refers.
- BETWEEN 9.30pm and 9.45pm on Saturday, March 5th unknown offenders stole a blue Raleigh racing cycle from the back of a property by St Johns Church, Dorchester Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160039260 refers.
- BETWEEN 8pm and 8.15pm on Saturday, March 5th unknown offenders stole a suitcase from a property on Goldcroft Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160039244 refers.
- BETWEEN 6pm Friday, March 4th and 10am Saturday, March 5th unknown offenders stole four wheel trims from a silver Peugeot parked on Victoria Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160039185 refers.
- BETWEEN 5pm on Thursday, March 3rd and 6am on Friday, March 4th unknown offenders syphoned fuel from a blue and cream DAF concrete mixer truck parked in Premix Concrete LTD on Chickerell Road, Chickerell, Weymouth. Crime number 55160038637 refers.
- BETWEEN approximately 4am and 4.30am on Thursday, March 10th unknown offenders stole a white ford transit tipper van that was parked on the junction of Hillbourne Road and Portland Road, Weymouth. Crime number 55160041326 refers.

If you saw anything or have any information relating to these crimes contact Dorset Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



■ CHLOE Fishwick (a Level 3 hairdressing apprentice working at Capelli in Dorchester) and model.



■ SHANNON Neal (a part-time NVQ Level 3 hair-dressing student working at Steven May in Weymouth) and model.



■ PHOEBE Light (a full-time VRQ Level 3 hair-dressing student) and model.

Hairdressing students head for competition

WEYMOUTH College students Chloe Fishwick, Shannon Neal and Phoebe Light will all be heading to Bristol on April 20th to compete in the regional finals of the Wella XPOSURE Awards 2016.

All three students were selected following their performance in the photographic heats.

The students will each style and prepare their models – developing cut, colour, makeup and clothes and will have one final hour to develop, style and finish the hair before presenting their 'look' in a stage catwalk show.

Eight students will go forward from each of four regional finals to compete in the prestigious competition final at Wella World Studio in London.

Rachael Ellmer, team leader of hair and beauty, at Weymouth College said: "Wella is a global company which offers training and support to students, salons and staff around the country. This yearly national competition is renowned for its high standards of entry and selection criteria and being chosen to compete in the regional finals is a fantas-

tic achievement for Chloe, Shannon and Phoebe."
Mia Dellicompagni and Anya Dellicompagni of
Francesco Group, the competition ambassadors for
XPOSURE said: "It allows a fantastic platform for
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XPOSURE said: "It allows a fantastic platform for our next generation to show off their skill set, highlighting the truly fantastic education system we've set up for British hairdressing. This is paramount in the development of our industry, constantly growing the standards and evolving techniques in hairdressing. For a student to experience XPOSURE is priceless."

Man's body found in Weymouth Harbour

A MAN'S body was found in Weymouth harbour yesterday morning (Tuesday, March 15th).

Officers were called at around 8.40am to the harbourside, near to the ferry terminal.

Although a formal identification had not taken place at the time of going to press, the family of missing Dorchester teenager Louis Harris were informed by police of the discovery.

Louis went missing in Weymouth on Valentine's day after a night out celebrating a friend's birthday at a club in the town.

He was last seen on CCTV at 4.30am on Sunday, February 14th outside the Harbour Master's Office, on Custom House Quay. Following the discovery of the body yesterday, a spokesperson for Dorset Police said: "Officers attended with support from the RNLI coastguard and police cordoned off the area while they carried out "Although formal identification has not taken place, the family of missing Dorchester teenager Louis Harris have been informed."

Police said the discovery of the body is not being

Police said the discovery of the body is not being treated as suspicious. The coroner has been notified.

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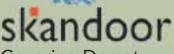
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Five affordable homes for local people completed at Poundbury

A RIBBON-cutting ceremony marked the handover of five new shared-ownership homes in Poundbury, Dorchester, this week.

The new properties for local people in the area, are part of a development of 14 new affordable two and three-bedroom homes for rent and shared ownership sale.

Stonewater, one of Dorset's leading affordable housing providers, has been working with the Duchy of Cornwall, West Dorset District Council and regional heritage building construction firm Morrish Builders, to develop the new homes in Poundbury's North East Quadrant.

When completed, the development will provide a mix of eight three-bedroom family-sized houses and one two-bedroom coach house for affordable rent. A further four family-sized three-bedroom houses and a two-bedroom coach house will also be offered for shared ownership sale.

Four of the remaining homes for rent will be completed in August 2016 and the final five rental homes in June 2017.

"Rising house prices in the Dorchester area, which are among the highest in the country, are pushing homes further out of the reach of local buyers, particularly young people and their families."

said Richard Stevenson, Stonewater executive director of development.

"Many as a result, are being forced to leave the communities where they have grown up because they cannot afford housing. This is why high quality affordable housing developments like this one in Poundbury, which provide a choice of properties for low cost home ownership and rental options, are so vital to the long-term sustainability and prosperity of West Dorset's towns and villages.

"We're delighted to be making good progress on the construction of this attractive new development and looking forward to completing the scheme next summer in partnership with the council and Morrish Builders."

The new Stonewater homes will have easy access to Queen Mother Square, the new centre and heart of Poundbury, as well as children's play areas, a 'ball wall' play area, garden allotments, bus services, and enhanced cycle routes to Dorchester. Damers First School is also relocating to the North East Quadrant in early 2017. All of the Stonewater properties in this scheme also have their own private gardens, allocated parking and ample visitor parking.

Councillor Tim Yarker, Housing Portfolio Holder at West Dorset District Council, says: "We are delighted to see the completion of these high quality affordable homes. These will assist in helping to meet housing need and are a good example how affordable homes can be well designed and make a positive contribution towards the sustainability of the community."

The new homes have all been built to the low carbon Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 standard making them energy efficient and cheaper to run. They are also part of a system created by the Duchy of Cornwall, which takes waste from local farms and recycles it into gas to supply the Poundbury community.

Jamie Whale, Morrish Builders Associate Director Operations, says: "Morrish Builders is delighted to handover these new, three bedroom houses, which include the high quality build and interior features that the company is synonymous with. Supporting the local community is one of the company's key priorities and we are pleased to be able to involve local apprentices in this development. We look forward to continuing our work with Stonewater in the future."

Are you living in the best village?

ENTRIES are being invited for Dorset's best village competition, now in its 30th year.

Dorset Community Action is running the contest which aims to encourage all that is positive about village life.

Judges will be inspecting large and small villages in the coming weeks to work out which village might have the best shop, environmental project and people's project.

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Last year more than 70 entries were received for the competition with Burton Bradstock and Win-

terbourne Zelston the main winners.
Entries can be made through the parish council, village hall committee or other community group with details available from Dorset Community Ac-

tion in Dorchester on 01305 250921 or from the website - dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

Magna Housing, based in Dorchester, is sponsoring the competition again with support from Dorset County Council, the four district councils, and other organisations including Clipper Tea, Fudges Biscuits, Honeybuns, Craig's Dairies and Helen Furness Catering.

Categories include 'The People's Project', 'Environmental Champions', 'Best Village Shop' and 'Neighbourliness.'

The deadline to enter for the Best Village awards is April 11th with all other categories open until July 25th.

New events for Weymouth's two-day carnival

THIS year's spectacular Weymouth Carnival will be held over two days.

The announcement by Weymouth Carnival and Events Club reveals that Wednesday, August 17th, will continue to hold such traditional events as flying displays and the grand procession, but Tuesday, August 16th, will be used to set the stage for two new

The first will introduce cycle racing in conjunction with Mud Sweat and Gears and British Cycling and the second will see a torchlight procession.

There will also be Beach Live over the two days with sports on the beach and team competitions.

Returning chairman Ryan Hope said: "Carnival has

taken place in Weymouth for more than 50 years in order to raise funds for local charities and good causes.

"The carnival aims to deliver maximum enjoyment for residents and visitors through the diversity and delivery of activities in a safe and secure environment.

"For the first time ever 2016 will see carnival take place over two days. The committee took the decision to extend carnival to try and encourage more groups from different backgrounds and different interests to get involved. The majority of the infrastructure is already in place so will involve little extra cost.
"We will shortly be releasing our get involved

brochure that will inform businesses, groups and in-

dividuals how they can get involved with the event from sponsorship to procession entries and volunteering opportunities

The committee has already met with Weymouth Business Improvement District to discuss the support they will be giving to this year's event after a pledge of support at the BID's annual meeting by chairman Steve Newstead.

Anyone interested in receiving the Get Involved brochure should go to the carnival website www.weymouthcarnivl.co.uk. Businesses that are interested in sponsorship should email sponsorship@weymouthcarnival.co.uk to arrange an appointment with the

The event, on Tuesday 22nd, at 2.30pm, has been organised by the National Trust South Dorset Association.

NEWS in brief.

open to the public.

Admission costs £4, to include refreshments.

■ A TALK about Abbotsbury Swannery, at St

George's, Dorchester in the coming days will be

■ PIDDLE Valley Country Dancing Group is looking for new members.

The group meet at the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall on Mondays from 2.15pm for two hours. The group says there is no need for any dance

experience to join. Meetings cost £1.50.

Further information is available from 01300

A DEMENTIA Friendly Dorset conference at Athelhampton House this Friday will look back at the achievements of the past year.

The Friday 18th event, from 10am until 4pm, has been organised by the Alzheimer's Society which is promoting the idea of dementia-friendly towns and villages throughout Dorset.

Training has including helping shop and office staff deal with those with dementia in an appropriate way, and helping those who have family members, or friends, with dementia, to understand and help cope with the situation.

Those who are interested in becoming involved can attend the conference, if places are still available, by booking on 01202 764352.

■ STRATTON Parish Council is looking for a new parish councillor to fill a vacancy.

The council meets six times a year on the third Tuesday of the month in the Aylott Room of the village hall. Please contact Keith Hawkins, Parish more information strattonpc@gmail.com.

Cash boost to help the work of club for stroke victims

DORCHESTER Social Stroke Club has become the latest cause to benefit from the Bluebird Care Dorset Community Grant Scheme with the award of a £250

Chris Scriven, director of Bluebird Care Dorset, visited the group, who meet at the Community Room in Lubbecke Way, Dorchester, to present the cheque.

This is the 11th grant that Bluebird Care, a local care at home provider, has issued since the launch of the scheme last year.

The Dorchester Social Stroke Club, which is affiliated to the Stroke Association, has been running for eight years and provides a varied programme of events for those who have suffered a stroke and their carers in the Dorchester and Weymouth area.

The group's members experience a range of disabilities as a result of stroke including dementia and speech and language difficulties but the club provides the opportunity to socialise, to share experience and gain advice and support as well as providing the opportunity to participate in the activities on offer.

The group's schedule of events for the weekly

meetings taking place from 10:30 to 12:30 each Thursday typically includes guest speakers, games and activities and group outings.

Jackie Sherfield, organiser for the club, applied for a Bluebird Care Community grant with a view to putting the funding towards the next outing for the

Jackie said: "We are enormously grateful to Chris and Bluebird Care Dorset for their generous donation to our funds. We try to take our members out for a coffee and cake outing occasionally during the winter and during the summer months we have planned a self-catered barbecue in a member's lovely garden and a visit to a garden centre for lunch, a little shopping and perhaps a bit of pick-your-own. For our members these outings are a real treat that they wouldn't be able to manage on their own.

"We organise transport and refreshments and everyone has a great time. Thank you Chris for helping to make these outings possible - we wouldn't be able to provide these events without the generosity of companies like Bluebird Care."



BLUEBIRD Care Dorset Director, Chris Scriven, presenting the grant award to Jackie Sherfield, group organiser, and Anne Richards, Treasurer, from the Dorchester Social Stroke Club





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A SPECIAL meeting is being held in Dorchester next month to wind up the Dorchester Area Community Partnership.

As reported in last week's View from Dorchester the organisation has become a victim of financial cuts and will close with the loss of organiser Pauline Trimming's job.

The closure also affects the monthly Dorford Centre lunches, a networking event for those working in the community, although talks are being held with Dorchester Town Council to take over the organisation of the event.

The meeting to formally end the partnership is being held on Thursday, April 14th at 11am in the council chamber at Dorchester Corn Exchange.

The steering group would like to invite local people, groups and organisations to attend the special meeting.

POUNDBURY Residents' Association holds its annual meeting tonight (Wednesday 16th), at 7.30pm in the Brownsword Hall.

The agenda includes an item about the new community trust, which will run the Poundbury Magazine, together with the annual accounts, reports from officers and the election of post-holders for the year ahead.

MEMBERSHIP at Dorchester Sports Centre has continued to rise.

The figure now stands at 1,724 compared to 1,677 at the same time a year earlier.

Overall attendances were down on the previous year at 294,210: The number of people taking swimming lessons has risen from 909 to 970.

If you have a story or photograph email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Garden centre gift to community for 10th anniversary celebrations

A LOCAL garden centre has gifted a tree to the community which has been planted for the town to enjoy.

Mike Burks, managing director of The Gardens Group, planted the tree in Woodlands Crescent as a gift to local residents during Poundbury Gardens' 10-year anniversary celebrations.

The Alnus incana Aurea, which is more commonly known as a Golden Alder, was a particular favourite of Mike's father, David Burks, who was a regular visitor to both the garden centre and the neighbouring park during its early years.

Professor David Leaper, chairman of the Poundbury Residents' Association, said: "The Golden Alder has always meant something special to me, so I am



■ FROM left Kelvin Henwood, Gold Club member, Professor David Leaper, chairman of the Poundbury Residents' Association, Lucy Simpson, manager of Poundbury Gardens, and Mike Burks, managing director of The Gardens Group

very thankful to Mike and Lucy for planting one in this communal space for everyone who lives in or visits Poundbury to enjoy."

Lucy Simpson, manager of Poundbury Gar-

dens, added: "We couldn't have reached this great milestone without the support of the Poundbury Residents Association or the local community, so we wanted to say a huge

thank you and plant this commemorative tree as a token of our appreciation. We look forward to watching the tree grow, as the community of Poundbury continues to flourish."

NEWS in brief...

■ A CREATIVE workshop for children aged six to 12 is being staged by Dorchester Arts on April 6th, from 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

The event will be held at the Corn Exchange and costs £6 for the first child, £4 for siblings.

Dorchester Arts can be contacted via their website, or by calling in to the booking office at the Corn Exchange.

■ DORCHESTER Moose Ladies will be holding a spring fair this weekend at the town's United Church.

The event, on Saturday 19th, will be open from 10am until 12.30pm and will include refreshments, home-made cakes and preserves, a range of stalls and attractions

It will raise money for the charities Mind and New Life.

■ A DAY-LONG conference to promote Dorset's 'Hidden Heritage' is being held in Dorchester in April. The conference will include a panel of seventeen internationally-know speakers.

It takes place on April 9th at Dorchester Town Hall from 9am to 5.30pm. The speakers will all present papers relating to overlooked or hidden aspects of the country's heritage.

■ THE huge success of the Mill Street Memories Project in Dorchester has prompted organisers to schedule three talks centred on the history of our County Regiments' activities and the part they played 100 years ago during the Great War.

The first of three talks at St George's Hall in Fordington, Dorchester on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6.30pm will be on the Dorset Yeomanry's famous cavalry charge at Agagia. Followed by the Somme on Wednesday, June 15th and Gallipoli on Wednesday, September 28th.

All three talks will be presented by Captain Allan Wood - a former regular soldier and served with the 17th/21st Lancers who joined The Dorset Yeomanry before becoming a History teacher at schools in Poole. He now lives in Weymouth.





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YEAR seven students from Wey Valley School, Weymouth, visited Bath University

University visit inspires students

AN opportunity to receive specialist coaching at a top university was on offer for a number of gifted and talented students at the Wey Valley School.

Year seven students spent the day at Bath University receiving football and swimming coaching followed by individual and team coaching at the indoor training arena.

This is the seventh year the school has taken students to Bath.

Stuart Heath, PE Teacher from Wey Valley said: "The students had a great day of quality coaching and gained a valuable insight into some fantastic sporting facilities and a taste of university life.

"The focus for this visit was football and swimming but our students, during previous visits have received coaching with other sports including netball, badminton, athletics and tennis in some of the best facilities the country can offer."

Jess Clements, Sports Development Officer at Bath University said: "It was another great day for the students. They really enjoyed the day at the university campus with a series of excellent sports sessions that inspire students in their field of sport with the aim to go further at school, club and regional level

"The students at Wey Valley showed great commitment to learn new techniques and apply them individually and as a team. We look forward to well-coming future Wey Valley students to the university."

Mr Heath added: "We continue to see a number of our students turning into exceptional athletes and this is complementing their academic skills in the classroom. A number of Wey Valley students have gone onto Bath University to pursue their studies and we met former Wey Valley students as part a trip earlier this year. These visits to Bath only inspire our students to reach the very top."

Motorcycle safety event

A FREE event for motorcyclists is being held at Weymouth's fire station in April – in an effort to improve safety for two-wheeled road users.

The Saturday, April 9th event will see the county council's road safety team join forces with and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM) to offer a free talk and ride out to help bikers brush-up their technique.

The talk will take place at the centre on Radipole Lane and lunch will also be provided.

Potentially life-saving advice will be on offer from advanced motorcycle instructors who will also provide feedback to improve their road riding skills, and get more enjoyment out of riding their motorbike.

The event starts at 8.30am, and will finish at 1pm, ending with a ride-out on the coast road.

Councillor Peter Finney, the county council's

Cabinet member for environment, said: "This will be a fun morning of like-minded people enjoying their machines. It's about refreshing skills and having a good time, but with a serious message too.

"All bikers are welcome to join but booking is essential to secure a place."

Emma Selway, Dorset County Council road safety officer, said: "Anyone interested should book their place as soon as possible as spaces are limited on both the theory and ride-out sessions.

"All you need to take part in the ride-out is a full licence, and a bike classed 250cc or over that is taxed, insured and has a current MOT certificate if applicable."

To book a place and for more information, contact Dorset County Council's Road Safety Team: emailroadsafety@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Half marathon returns with scenic route

A SEAFRONT start and scenic route will be in store for competitors in this Sunday's (March 20th) Weymouth half marathon.

The event starts on the seafront at 8.30am with registration from 7am at The Pavilion.

The event can be run as an individual or a two-leg relay, of five and eight miles.

After a successful debut in 2015 which attracted 1,200 entrants the event this year is limited to 1,500 runners.

Runners in 2015 came from 39 UK Counties, Europe and America, with the home county of Dorset representing 55 per cent of the total entry field. And with a 50-50 split between women and men, competitors ranging from 17 to 80.

The event will raise funds for the Weldmar Hospice who are the Official Charity Partner for a second year. Runners who decide to raise money for Weldmar will be eligible for a refund on their entry fee if they raise £50 or more as an individual or £60 or more as a relay.

The relatively flat one-lap course ventures onto the South West Coast path and then through the centre of Weymouth's shopping area, over the town bridge, along the historic harbour and up to the gardens of the Victorian Nothe Fort.

From here the journey to Portland begins where, on reaching the National Sailing Academy, runners on the relay have the changeover point.

Upon reaching Portland Castle, runners will make their way to Chesil beach and back towards Weymouth using the Rodwell trail, past Sandsfoot Castle before heading for the seafront finish line

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By Trevor Bevins

fore setting out along the seafront to the Pavilion, returning to finish at Overcombe Corner. This year's nominated charities are Action for Blind People & Weymouth CC Youth Cricket.

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■ THE launch of the 2016 events programme for Weymouth and Portland

Launching bumper summer season

WINDS gusting to 70mph battered Weymouth Pavilion when it staged the official launch of the resort's events programme for 2016.

More than 250 fairs, carnivals, fetes and sporting events will be held which Weymouth and Portland events manager Steve Davies said would offer "something for all the family".

He added: "We have more attractions for 2016 and, en-

couragingly, they are of a higher quality which should bring visitors in from much further away, adding to welcome publicity for Weymouth and Portland."

Weymouth and Portland economic spokesman Councillor Mike Byatt said: "I think our 2016 events programme is fantastic and it sends out a very positive message to visitors, local businesses and residents about the variety of

attractions we are offering.

"Hopefully 2016 will be a bumper season and we look forward to welcoming hundreds of thousands of people who come to Weymouth and Portland every year."

Business Improvement District manager Nigel Reed said: "It is all about footfall, getting people into the town, so more events over a longer period can only be good for Weymouth and Portland."

Charities to get the Dragon's Den treatment in funding masterclass

A DRAGON'S Den style event is being planned for Weymouth and Portland charities in April – with the chance of funding help for successful bids.

The event titled "Making a BIG Difference in Weymouth & Portland: Maximising Your Organisation's Potential To Get Funding" will take place on April 19th and is being organised by Dorchester-based Dorset Community Action.

Up to 20 local charities, community groups and social enterprises working in Weymouth and Portland will, on the day, present their five minute project idea in a session taking place at St Aldhelm's Church Hall, Spa Road, Weymouth between 10am and 3.30pm.

Places are limited and booking early is being recommended. Groups can register their place by visitingwww.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/training-events

The morning session will enable 20 local groups present a short Dragon's Den style outline of their project, lasting no more than five minutes covering:

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Presentation slots will be allocated on the day. Presentations will be made to a panel including representatives from the Big Lottery Fund, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Dorset County Council, and local charity champions. Based on the presentation, successful bidders may be invited to a Big Lottery Fund Awards for All Masterclass after lunch or to a Getting Fit for Funding workshop.

The afternoon workshops will include a Big Lottery Fund Awards for All Masterclass, while Dorset Community Action will cover a useful checklist of the necessary steps required to demonstrate you are ready to apply for funding. Finally there will be a "Dragon's Panel" – an op-

Finally there will be a "Dragon's Panel" – an opportunity to discuss your project ideas and discover the opportunities available to your project include help from officers from Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Dorset County Council. Big Lottery Fund, and Dorset Community Action.

For more information, please contact Dorset Community Action on 01305 250921, email-info@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk.

Easter Funtime at museum

PORTLAND Museum will be holding their Easter Funtime event on Wednesday, March 30th, from 10.30am until 4pm.

It will include Easter and springtime crafts to make and take home including decorating an easter-shaped biscuit, making a rock chick, a springtime flower and a bunny cup with an egg inside. There will also be a Chick Chase around the museum where every child wins a prize.

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FROM left Beverly Hepting, Colin Beveridge (contest chair) and Caroline Brewer

IT may have been cold outside, but the heat was on in the Wessex Hotel, as speakers competed for the International Speech competition.

Four contestants fought to go through to represent Casterbridge Speakers at the Area competition on March 20th.

The winner for the Dorchester club was Caroline Brewer from Weymouth with her speech on 'One Thought'.

She explained how powerful the mind is and that we are all

just one thought away from happiness. She demonstrated this with her own journey from dreading public speaking to entering a speech contest. There was a coincidental common theme with other speakers talking about the power of the mind to innovate, to overcome pain and to inspire others.

There was also a competition for the best evaluation of a speech. Beverly Hepting, a voice coach from Winterbourne Whitechurch was the winner and will also compete at Ferndown on March 20th to secure a place at Divisional level. She gave enthusiastic, clear, constructive feedback to a speech delivered by Andrew Knowles, entitled 'The Golden Age of Computer Gaming'.

Casterbridge Speakers meet at 7.30pm every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Wessex Royale Hotel, Dorchester. Further details from Rosie Barfoot, President, 01305 261540.

Now you can 'Try This' sooner

DORCHESTER'S popular "Try This" event is being brought forward in the calendar and this year will be held in early July.

Organisers hope the switch from the autumn to the summer will attract more people to try the short, taster, sessions featuring everything from computer skills to Morris Dancing and Nordic walking.

Many of those who led sessions over the past three years

have volunteered again – but now further session leaders are needed - anyone with a passion they would like to share.

Try This will be held from July 2nd to July 10th at a range of venues in and around Dorchester.

"By moving the event from the autumn we believe that we will attract even more people because it will be daylight for the early evening sessions. We are also hoping for clement weather for the outdoor daytime sessions planned for the two weekends. So put these dates in your diary now as a reminder," said one of the organising committee memhers.

Further information, including details of how to volunteer either to run a session, or to help in other ways, can be found at the website www.dorchestertry-this.org.uk.

Students help make big day special

KINGSTON Maurward's floristry students exhibited at this year's Spring Wedding Fair in the college's main house and state rooms.

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creative students the opportunity to work on real weddings giving them hands-on commercial experience whilst offering brides stunning floral arrangements and bouquets.

Floristry tutor, Tracey Nadin, said: "This exciting new initiative will give our students invaluable commercial and creative experience, whilst being part of such a special day for brides and grooms and their families. It's also a great opportunity for Kingston Maurward to offer an additional bespoke service as part of its wedding packages."

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AT the Annual General Meeting of the Portland Probus Club, held at The Heights Hotel Portland, Peter Welton was elected President and the chain of office was passed to him by the past President, Richard Hearne (pictured).

Peter is a very popular choice as leader of the Club. He has been a member since 2009 and has served on the management committee in several capacities over the years. At the meeting he was also presented with the President's Egg, awarded annually to the organiser of the event enjoyed most by members during the year, the third time he has won this award along with his wife, Angela.

Accepting the Presidency, Peter

said how fortunate he felt to be part of such a vibrant and lively club.

He added that it was an honour to be able to serve as President and he would do his best to ensure that the club would continue to have the special atmosphere that it does.

Peter's election marks the start of the 10th year of Portland Probus Club, formed in March 2007, open to retired professional and business men and women in the Weymouth and Portland area as a means of increasing the enjoyment of retirement.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday morning of the month at The Heights Hotel Portland and a variety of interim events organised on the third Thursday of the month.

In addition, there are two further groups for interested members, Philosophy and Natural History.

Since 2007 the membership of the club has been capped at 60 and it has remained at capacity with more than half those who joined in 2007 still members today. However, there has always been a constant stream of enquiries and at the start of this year the management committee therefore decided to increase the membership total to 70.

More information about Portland Probus Club and its activities can be seen at the club's website at portlandprobus.uk.

Concert season ends on a high with orchestra



■ MEMBERS of the The Chamber Philharmonic Europe

AN outstanding small orchestra is being welcomed back by Weymouth Sunday Concerts for the last concert of their 2015-2016 season on March 20th.

The Chamber Philharmonic Europe was founded in 2006 in Cologne, Germany, and engages more than 60 of the most talented young musicians from 18 European nations.

The repertoire of the Chamber Philharmonic Europe ranges from baroque to modern, classical symphony concerts, chamber concerts, operas and operettas.

Last season saw Chamber Philharmonic Europe perform more than 50 concerts Europewide. The orchestra has made extensive tours to Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Great Britain and Ireland.

The orchestra comes to Weymouth with mainly string players to play Schubert's Rondo

for violin and Orchestra and Glière's octet for strings among other items. Kirill Gusarov joins the strings as soloist in Hummel's Trumpet Concerto, and Pavel Zuzanski is the violin soloist

The concert starts at 3pm at Weymouth Bay Church in Melcombe Avenue.

Tickets cost £12 at the door or £10 if reserved by phone beforehand (01305 834469). Family tickets are available.

Dorset residents are top recyclers

DORSET is doing better at recycling than the majority of areas of the country.

The Dorset Waste Partnership, said 53 per cent of waste from the area it operates in, is now sent for recycling, composting or reuse.

The figure is 10 per cent above the national average of 43.5 per cent.

But despite the success rate 56,571 tonnes of rubbish is still sent to landfill in the county in with 39,299 tonnes being incinerated.

Councillor Anthony Alford, chairman of the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee,

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said: "We're really pleased with this result and would like to thank the residents of Dorset, who have proven to be among the top recyclers in the country...

"But there's still work to do to help residents reduce the amount of waste thrown away. Recycling rates can start to drop after services are introduced, so we will be helping people continue to use our service correctly.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Will North Quay offices stay afterall?

WORK is pressing ahead nicely – and expensively – on the conversion of a broom cupboard at the Mulberry Centre for Weymouth and Portland council's new home.

Current offices on North Quay are due to be vacated in a few weeks time and taken over by developers, council staff having dispersed to new sites like chaff in the wind...and therein hangs a tale. You see, when the nearby old fire station site was

developed it was done with vision, with a view to recreating the old historic sweep of the harbourside, and I think most people would agree that what has been built achieves that look.

■ ALCOHOL is the subject for this week's Growing Old Disgracefully and the question of whether elderly people need to take more care.

Of course they do! The older you get the more unsteady you get and pensioners can't afford to spill one precious drop of their whisky, dry sherry or gin and tonic.

So I suggest they pour themselves a much larger measure.

A larger measure means a larger glass and a larger glass means a larger target to aim at when pouring from the bottle of your choice.

It is such a simple solution to the problem of spilling drink that I wonder no-one thought of it before. Enjoy yourself. Mine's a double.

But it was only ever going to be part of the equation since the dominant – and completing – part of the sweep was always going to be the sale and demolition of the ugly council offices and the redevelopment of the sit in a style to match the look already achieved on the fire station site...but that vision has been left in tatters.

Only the council will ever know why it insisted all bids for the site be "unconditional" but, having done so, it couldn't wriggle out of the situation when expected developer McCarthy and Stone's bid of more than £6million proved subject to planning permission being granted for what it wanted to

That was viewed as a condition, the bid was rejected because accepting it would leave the council open to legal action by developers whose bids didn't include a condition and the council was forced to accept an unconditional bid of around £4.5million for the site.

Still, members were sure the historic harbour showcase look would be continued down towards Town Bridge, only it now looks as if that may not happen.

In fact – almost incredibly – I understand that redevelopment of the site may not involve demolishing the council offices at all

and that there may be plans afoot to simply adapt the building for various accommodation uses.

That poses several very interesting questions since one of the main reasons for the council to vacate its offices was that it would no longer have to foot the bill for the upkeep of the ageing concrete block.

Concern over the bill was linked to main-

tenance of the building being a problem...a problem which is still there for the developers and – unless major renovation work is undertaken – a problem which may rear its head for any new home owners.

We'll have to wait and see how much of this actually proves accurate and what the

we it have to wait and see how much of this actually proves accurate and what the future skyline looks like, but it would be a shame if any new development stuck out like a sore thumb from the completed fire station site.

Elsewhere, I also foresee interesting times if the vastly reduced council moves into its vastly reduced new home in the Mulberry Centre and regularly hosts committee meetings there, not least because any controversial subject will force a switch to a larger venue to get everyone in.

Knowing the council, there are likely to be a few of those "hot potato" issues. Still, I'm sure that's all been considered, aren't you?

A party to turn your stomach

RIGHT, are you all sitting comfortably? Then let's talk babies.

Having led a very sheltered existence I have just been introduced to the delights of Baby Shower parties, something lots of you seem to know about even if I don't.

It apparently involves a party to celebrate the pending arrival of baby and it often includes lots of games and things.

Here is some of the "fun" I have discovered courtesy of Weymouth residents although at this point I should add that knowledge of where the party toilet is located can be vital.

One popular way to start the party seems to involve taking a nappy and then smearing it with a number of poo-like substances which party goers have to taste and try and identify. This often provides your first visit to the toilet....especially if the tasting nappy gets mixed

up with a real one!

Then there are jolly japes such as dividing people into two teams which have to take it in turn to a fit a nappy to a fellow contestant. This is tremendous fun except for the person being fitted with a nappy who can get so snarled up in it that a visit to the toilet becomes impossible. Still, there is always the nappy for them to use!

Anyone who still hasn't had enough fun yet can try the wine sampling dispensed, of course, via a baby's feed bottle. Your eyes may notice a colour similarity here between a nice Chardonnay and a urine sample. Oh, off to the toilet again are we!

So if you somehow get invited to a Baby Shower Party, now you know roughly what to expect. It seems a strong stomach could be a "must have"!

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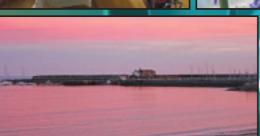
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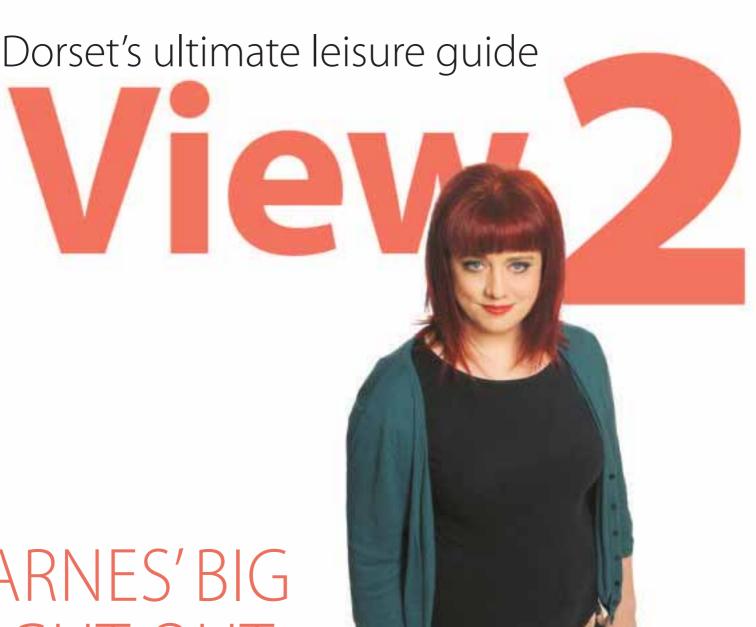


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Fast-forward to 2016 and the band are still as fresh and relevant as ever With the inclusion of Ranking Junior - Roger's son - taking vocal duties to an accolade of critical acclaim and Dave Wakeling heading to the US, The Beat return to their roots and will raise the roof once more at Dorchester's Corn Exchange on Thursday, April 7th.

One of the biggest bands of the 2-Tone movement, The Beat will present an unwavering dedication to their wall of sound that transcends time. Their ska fusion rhythms never fail to ignite a crowd as seen previously in Dorchester Corn Exchange as part of the biennial Dorchester Festival in 2014.

They are known the world over for a string of hit singles, including Mirror in the Bathroom, Too Nice To Talk To, Can't Get Used To Losing You, Hands off She's Mine and All Out To Get You. Their songs of peace, love and unity fuse ska, pop, reggae and punk rock to produce an inimitable dynamic live show

The support on the night is up and coming alt indie band The RPMs. Originally from Dorchester they describe themselves as, "a rock band not afraid of a good pop tune". Comprising of Jack Valero (lead vocals & rhythm guitar), Miguel Cosme (bass & backing vocals) and Callum



James (drums) this now Brighton based band are inspired by the likes of Tom Petty, The Jam and The Libertines, but with a little something all

Having supported The Beat at many venues across the UK already including The Open in Norwich, they have also opened for Wolf Alice and Rudimental at the Glastonbury Pilton Party in 2015. By all accounts their signature killer hooks will 'take up lodgings in your subconscious that won't be budged by a billion bailiffs' so this promises to be the perfect warm up to a great night of ska rhythms.

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The Magic Beanstalk at The Marine Theatre

THIS spring Light Theatre are touring their sellout show, The Magic Beanstalk and we are thrilled to be hosting the show in Lyme Regis on Tuesday, March 29th at 3pm.

Beautiful hand carved puppets and amazing experiments are used to re-tell the classic story



of Jack and the Giant who lives through the clouds and over the rainbow.

The show, designed for children between the ages of 5 – 11, is made in Cornwall by a team who have worked alongside Kneehigh Theatre, The Little Angel Theatre and The Eden Project. The

performing team is Rachel Leonard (War Horse (RNT); A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings (LAT/Kneehigh), Venus and Adonis (RSC)); Jenny Beare (storyteller (The Eden Project), Rambles (Kneehigh)); and Mae Voogd (Wolf Child (Wild Works).

Jack, his mum and their cow Daisy are in trouble. Their house is leaking, the phones cut off, there's no food in the fridge – and they've got NITS! Something's got to change and what happens next is an exciting adventure for all girls and boys who believe in magic.

The production is a unique blend of theatre and science. "We wanted to create a magical, memorable and worthwhile experience for children and their families ... it's incredibly exciting working with very experienced puppet makers, performers and scientists to create the show." Charlotte Bond, artistic director, Light Theatre.

The Magic Beanstalk comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Tuesday, March 29th, 3pm. Tickets are £8, or concessions £7.00, Under 12s £5 (from box office only, not online bookings)/ TheatreFriends discount available/ Ages 5+/ Running time: 50 mins (approx).

Pop-up Opera: Bellini's I Capuleti e I Montecchi



NOW well-established on the touring opera circuit, the Pop-up Opera Company skilfully adapt their operas to each individual venue, making every performance unique, while always maintaining the highest standards. This season, they are staging *I Capuleti e I Montecchi* – their first ever tragedy (sung in Italian with English captions)

This is the most tragic love story of all time, where two star-crossed lovers – Romeo and Juliet - find their worlds ripped apart against a new backdrop of Italy's bloody family feuds and gang rivalry. Witness how their all-consuming passion tries to survive amidst violence, hatred and vicious grievances. Bellini's classic bel-canto opera is brought to life in an intense chamber production by the critically-acclaimed Pop-Up Opera.

With their signature 'Silent Movie' captions that add another layer to the performance, Pop-Up's decision to stage a tragedy sees them embracing a new challenge. While continuing to break down barriers, Pop-Up demonstrate what an emotive and absorbing experience opera can be. This production will be one of their most intimate and compelling pieces of theatre yet, really embracing the unique spaces in which they perform, driven by Bellini's enchanting score.

I Capuleti e I Montecchi will be performed on Monday, March 28th at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, onstage: 7.30pm. Full price: £18, concessions: £15, TheatreFriends Discount available. A pre-theatre menu is available at French Lieutenant's Bistro (booking essential): 2 courses £19.95/3 courses £24.95 between 5.30-7pm.

Grease is the Word

Sing-a-long-a Grease at The Marine Theatre

YOU'D better shape up to sing along to the great movie musical *Grease*, complete with on-screen lyrics and the chance to become a T-Bird or Pink Lady for the night and enter our fancy dress competition.

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"Sing-a-long-a Grease is much more than 'just a film", says Producer, Ben Freedman. ""It's an event, an interactive experience and the most fun you can have with your clothes on."

Every performance starts with a Sing-a-long-a host who warms up the audience, trains them how to "hand-jive", deploy the contents of their free magic moments fun packs and heckle in all the right places as well as judge the fancy dress



competition.

The Grease Sing-a-long takes place at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, April 1st. Show starts 8pm, and all tickets are £15. The Marine Theatre positively encourage large groups of T-Birds or Pink Ladies to booking through our Box Office: buy 10 and get the 11th ticket free!

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Head Chef Steve spent most of his childhood years living in Charmouth and went to school at Woodroffe, first joining Lyme Regis Golf Club as a junior at the age of 14. He then left home at 17 and moved to France where he began his career at L'Aubergade in Puymarol under the guidance of 3* Michelin Chef, Michel Trama.

Steve returned to the UK at 18 years old to become the Junior Sous at Bath Spa Hotel where he spent 4 years honing his skills and developing his enthusiasm for fine British cuisine. From there, he joined the Michelin star restaurant at Chewton Glen Hotel. When he left, at the age of 26 he became the Executive Head Chef at Bowood Golf and Country Club. Here he learned more about catering for large functions, including weddings, and began to focus back on his golf game at the same time.

In 2009 Stephen was drawn back to Dorset and became Head Chef at The Bridge House Hotel in Beaminster where he has held two AA rosettes for the last five years, cooking good quality British food using local produce.

After recently becoming a father for the first time, he decided that now is the time for a new work challenge and Lyme Regis Golf Club are delighted that he has chosen to launch Greens Restaurant with

The clubhouse looks out onto the course and offers a relaxed environment for everyone to enjoy the excellent catering at Greens. The restaurant can seat 110 people and has ample free parking, which is a huge rarity in Lyme Regis!

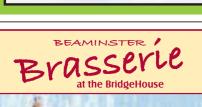
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To make a booking please call the club on 01297 442963, and select











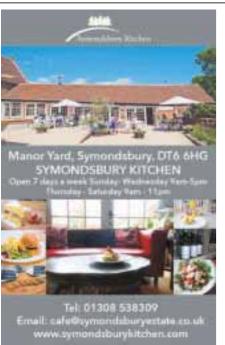


















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Fri-Sun, Tue-Thu: 21.00 Hail, Caesar! 12A Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.30, 17.30 Sat & Sun: 17 15

Kung Fu Panda 3 2D PG Fri, Wed: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00 Sat, Sun, Tue, Thu: 10.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

Mon: 12.00, 14.30, 17.00 London Has Fallen 15 Fri, Mon, Wed: 15.00 Minions ^U

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challenge following the wonderful success of last year's production of "Evita".

This year the cast will nearly all be unrecognisable. hidden in their habits as nuns from the Queen of Angels Cathedral in South Philadelphia. It is into their care that Deloris Van Cartier has been placed by the police to ensure her safety until they arrest and charge her erstwhile two-timing boyfriend Curtis Jackson for the murder of Ernie Williams which Deloris witnessed.

The congregation of the Cathedral is waning and Monsignor O'Hara of the Cathedral is keen to increase revenue by any means rather than have the building bought for redevelopment. The police department is making "a generous financial donation" for Deloris' safe keeping for a month, but Mother Superior is horrified at the prospect of such a wayward woman in the midst of her postulants.

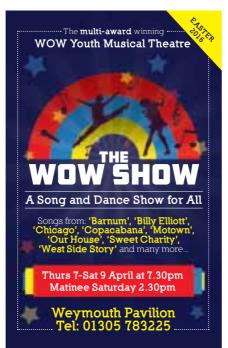
Deloris is none too happy at the prospect of living in the convent either, but accepts the offer to sing in the choir. However, the choir turns out to be rubbish, and Deloris is persuaded to coach them. By the end of the Act One, Deloris has them singing their hearts out and the pews are filling up.

A new face to Lyme's audiences will be Lauren Glover who takes the role of Deloris, made famous in the film by Whoopie Goldberg. Opposite her, as Sweaty Eddie, the police officer who fancied Deloris back in high school, will be Ben Malone who recently played the part of Curtis with Seaton. Mother Superior will be played by Tracey Wakeling, in a rich character role with some lovely songs. In his second role with LRMT, Ian Styles plays the crook, Curtis Jackson, with three young people as his henchmen, including Steve Egan and Dan Wilde from Axminster MT together with Harvey Causley. Joining our own young ladies, Nicole Parkinson-Ward and Georgie Harwood, will be Sara Pottinger who is also from Axminster MT, all playing postulants.

"Sister Act" commences on Monday, May 9th at the Marine Theatre with a special ticket price of just £10, and concessions of £5 for under 16s. Then from Tuesday through to Saturday the tickets are £13.50 with concessions of £8.50 for under 16s.

The Box Office has changed this year and will be at Serendip Books, telephone 01297 442594.

For the rest of the story in Act Two, keep reading the



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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD

LYME REGIS: Connections: Out of the Blue is an ener getic and uplifting show of colourful paintings by Rose Richards and Peter Coates and playful bronze canine sculptures by Toni West. A preview to which all are welcome will be held on Friday 11 March from 6-8pm. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH

Martinstown, near Dorchester: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club. Competition 4: Close Up, judged by Kath McKnight. 7.30pm. At Chancery House. New members are always welcome. All enquiries please phone the Club Secretary on 01308

THURSDAY MARCH 17TH
DORCHESTER: South Dorset RSPB Talk. 'Radipole before the RSPB' by Bob Ford. St Georges Church Hall, Fordington, 7.45pm. Admission £3, visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

Wеумоитн: The Crafty Pilgrims craft group meet every Thursday, 2-4pm at Pilgrim House, Hope Square. Whatever your craft bring it along and join us. We are a friendly group and enjoy meeting and exchanging ideas. £2 a session. For more details please contact Maureen on 01305 787362.

FRIDAY MARCH 18TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Alan Humphries shows his pictures of Kerala, South West India. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

Broadwindsor: Film: 'Lady in the Van' (cert 12A). At Comrades Hall. Film 7.30pm. Tickets £6 on the door. For more details call 01038 868582, 867638 or 867644.

SATURDAY MARCH 19TH

WEYMOUTH: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society Spring Show. In the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Upwey. There will be lots of lovely flowers for you to see plus cookery, photography, children's sections, plants, floral displays and more. Our lovely and teas will be available as usual. All will be available for the public to see at 2:00pm. If you wish to enter any of the categories yourself, details can be obtained from 01305 813942

SATURDAY 19TH - WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH LYME REGIS: Three local artists, Sue Lewin, Philip Winstone and Elizabeth Wilson join forces to showcase an exciting mix of landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and semi-abstract paintings at an exhibition called Perspectives that highlights their contrasting styles of work. The Courtvard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk or www.townmill.org.uk

MONDAY MARCH 21st

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and occasional live bands with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available for admission at £2.50. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442 Weymouth & Portland Louviers Society will be hearing about the Portland Spy Ring with an illustrated talk by Rod Harris at the United Reform Church in Roman Road, Radipole at 7.45pm. The admission charge is £2. The twinning link with the Normandy market town of Louviers was established in 1958. Membership is only £10 a year Enquiries to General Secretary Pam Nicklin at 4 Belfield Park Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset. DT4 9RD. Tel. 01305

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD

Dorchester: Local singer Christina Jeavons returns to Evergreens Social Group at Age UK, 1.45pm. Miss Jeavons is a musical theatre performer with an extensive repertoire including many songs from Broadway and the West End. Everyone welcome. Entry £1.50, includes tea and biscuits. For more details call 01305

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk on Soft Fruit, Pests and Diseases given by Robert Cook of the Farming Advice Service. Robert was born locally and travels widely advising commercial growers. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available before and after the talk which begins at 7.30pm in Uplyme

Village Hall. It is free to members, £3 for visitors. The strawberry plants to grow on for the Summer Show will be available at this meeting.

THURSDAY MARCH 24TH

Wеумо**итн**: The Crafty Pilgrims craft group meet every Thursday, 2-4pm at Pilgrim House, Hope Square. Whatever your craft bring it along and join us. We are a friendly group and enjoy meeting and exchanging ideas. £2 a session. For more details please contact Maureen on 01305 787362.

THURSDAY 24TH - WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH LYME REGIS: In this solo exhibition, titled A Quest for Tranquillity, David Manners confirms his growing reputation for peaceful seascapes and tranquil portraits in a collection of oil paintings that represent his striving for inner peace. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk or www.townmill.org.uk

FRIDAY MARCH 25TH - SUNDAY APRIL 10TH

LYME REGIS: There will be fun for all the family at The Town Mill over Easter: grain bunnies to identify, lucky dip, miller-led tours, as well as visits to the Courtyard Cafe, the Lyme Regis Brewery and a host of artisan studios (jewellery, pottery, stonemasonry) and two art exhibitions. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. The Mill is open weekdays 11am-2pm and weekends 11am-4pm. Studios, galleries, cafe and brewery usually open daily 10.30-4.30. www.town-

SATURDAY MARCH 26TH

LODERS: Loders Young Players Bumper Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning at Loders Village Hall. 10am-12noon. For more details call 01308 456222 or

SUNDAY MARCH 27TH

LYME REGIS: Shopping & Gift Fayre at the Lyme Regis Marine Parade Shelters from 10am to 5pm. A wide range of products from local traders and crafters displaying a variety of unique products.

MONDAY MARCH 28TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona, Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. For those who have attended 5 or more Biodanza sessions. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

THURSDAY MARCH 31st

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THURSDAY APRIL 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ & Keyboard Club concert with Penny Weedon at the United Church Hall, Easter Street, 7.30pm. Admission £7.50 members, £9 visitors. With refreshments. For more details call 01460 73500.

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club's annual dance, "Miss Mayne's Party", with "The Weston Country Dance Band" and caller Aileen Wills and a floor spot by Wyld Morris, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own alcohol. Doors open 7.45 for 8.00 11.00pm dance. Tickets £7.50 on the door, but prebooking/purchase is advised from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or call 01308 423 442 or 01308 898 002.

BRIDPORT: Quiz in aid of Bridport Millennium Green, 7.30pm, at British Legion Hall, Victoria Grove. £6 inc supper. Teams of 4-6, or come along and make up a team. Bar, raffle and Chinese bingo. Details Sue Wilkinson 01308 425037.

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club Spring Show. In the United Churc Hall. Doors open 12noon, light refreshments, and a raffle will be drawn after presentation of trophies at 3pm. Schedules are available at bridportgardeningclub.co.uk and entries close on Wednesday, March 30th at 7pm.

THURSDAY APRIL 7TH

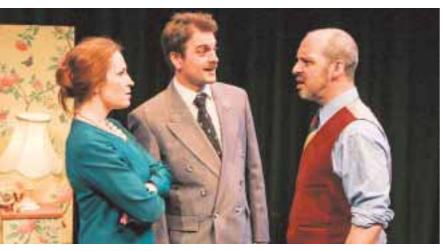
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SATURDAY APRIL 9TH

Wootton Fitzpaine: Piccalilli Opera at the Church, 7pm. Weymouth: Seashore foraging walk. 12:00 pm – 3:30pm. Contact info@hedgerow-harvest.com or visit www.hedgerow-harvest.com.

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A Room for One



"We're trying to avert a major constitutional crisis here. We haven't got time for a pint! All right, just the one then"

THE 2016 tour of 'A Room for One' will be presented at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham, The Corn Exchange in Dorchester and The Arts Centre in Bridport. It is written and directed by Ed Viney, designed by James Helps and performed by Samantha Barron, Alex Gartshore and Chris Yapp. A Room for One is produced by Kevin Cattell for Blue Brook Productions in association with the

Blue Brook Productions are bringing their engaging and suprising play 'A Room For One'

Everyman Cheltenham.

to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 18th. It tells the story of the Queen's one and only unscheduled stop in the UK. When in December 198, On her way back from visiting her grandchildren, the Queen is forced to make an unscheduled stop in a country pub in Gloucestershire. Inspired by a remarkable true event, this is the story of when a certain majestic guest came to visit the Cross Hands Inn.

A chauffeur, a lady-in-waiting, two detectives and Her Majesty are stuck. Now there's time to reflect on the Royal Wedding while enjoying a nice gin and tonic. But when the pub is full of stranded motorists and the presence of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher looms over the Royal Household, it's not going to be a quiet evening.

Written by Ed Viney, a writer and director who trained at Bristol Old Vic and the National Theatre where he was Director in Residence at the National Theatre Studio.

Tickets are £12 and £10, available from www.bridportarts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Dorchester Arts call out to bands and local musicians

DORCHESTER ARTS are on the look out for young musicians and bands to play at the Corn Exchange this month as part of their new music night DA JAMs.

The county town arts organisation is always looking for new ways to engage with the local community, especially the younger generation. DA JAMs music nights is a new addition to their programme and is aimed at providing young enthusiastic and emerging musicians with a platform to test out new music in a professional stage environment.

For the first DA JAMs night, planned for Thursday, March 31st, local well-known duo Ansell & Gretel will be hosting the evening, whilst playing some popular covers as well as original material. Jack Ansell and Jamie Parker have been playing some of the best pubs and clubs in the south since 2009 and are excited to be part of this first young music night.

Megan Dunford Dorchester Arts participation officer who has organised the event says:

'This event has been specially created for those young and emerging musicians in the area that need the vital opportunity to play in front of an audience, because we know it's very difficult, especially for under 18s to be able to play in pubs/bars.

Hosting our first DA JAMs night will be local band Ansell & Gretel - a fantastic duo to watch. We are looking for more acts to play a few songs during the evening, either unique covers or original material so if this is you then contact us today.'

Call Megan Dunford, Participation Officer on 01305 266926 or email involve@dorchesterarts.org.uk

A feast of films

FROM PAGE TO SCREEN Festival returns to Bridport from March 31st to April 3rd. The full programme is now released and as usual contains some brilliant films and exciting special guests. What makes the event so special is all the extra elements that come together to create that special festival feel; once again hospitality will play an important role in creating this unique atmosphere at From Page To Screen.

During the day filmgoers will be offered complimentary Moores Biscuits and each evening a different local restaurant or caterer will provide delicious appetisers to be enjoyed before that night's screening. Beach and Barnicott, Bearkat Secret Suppers, Dorshi, Kitchen Collective and The Olive Tree Restaurant are all going to be cooking up something special for the festival.

Children will have a treat just for them when they join a free magical tea after the family film Fairytale: A True Story on Friday, April 1st, and there'll also be the festival's annual 'Film Buffs' Brunch' featuring Leakers' croissants, Denhay ham and Fivepenny Farm cheese after Orlando on Sunday, April 3rd.

Late night movie fans can join film buff and cocktail barman Lloyd Brown in the Bull Hotel's Venner Bar, where he'll be mixing a specially conceived cocktail just for From Page to Screen - The Damson in Distress.

And Soulshine are creating a three course meal tribute to the vampire classic Nosferatu which is getting an extraordinary showing - with live score - in Saint Mary's Church at 10.30pm on Saturday April 2. Soulshine's £25 feast will start at 7.30pm and feature rich red ingredients

Committee member Ines Cavill said: "I love the way everyone gets more involved in talking about the films as the festival unfolds and the chance to mingle in the bar or lobby and be given something delicious by our amazing local cooks always whets my appetite for the next brilliant screening".

Tickets are available by calling 01308 424204 or from www.frompagetoscreen.org.uk

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra

Celebrating Forty Years of Music

FORTY years ago, in celebration of the second Queen Elizabeth, the New Elizabethan Chamber Orchestra was formed. Now named the Bridport Chamber Orchestra the group will be playing in a very special fortieth anniversary concert at 3pm on March 20th at St Swithun's Church, Bridport.

Top of the bill is a performance of the ever-popular Haydn Cello Concerto in C and the conductor, Arturo Serna, will be swapping the baton for his cello as the soloist. Arturo trained with the world-famous Venezuelan Youth Orchestra and is making a name for himself as a professional cellist and conductor in the South West, introducing some colourful Spanish and Latin American works to the orchestra's repertoire - this concert will also feature the "Ritual Fire Dance" by Manuel de Falla.

The BCO is still performing three concerts a year in the town and drawing in audiences who enjoy the wide variety of music on offer, from baroque right through to modern pieces, some written specially for the orchestra. Robin Carpenter and Maureen Rudd, who both played in the very first concert, are still orchestra members and Zach Chantler, who is at school in Bridport, is the youngest player; the group is always delighted to welcome competent young musicians for some orchestral experience.



The anniversary concert tickets include celebratory refreshments both before and after the concert, and will be available in advance from The Bridport Music Centre at £10 (free entry for students under sixteen). This should be a most enjoyable and well-attended event.



Conductor: Arturo Serna Leader: Alexandra Ennis

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Returning to raise some hell!

THE second event for 2016 at Winstons Bar & Grill in Seaton will be on Friday, April 1st - the one and only 'Hellrazor'. For the uninitiated these are the Hells Bells boys as their alter ego playing the best in classic rock from Purple, Zeppelin and Sabbath to the current era with the likes of Queen of the Stone Age, Guns and Roses, Alterbridge and Metallica among many others.

Lead singer Lee explained: "due to the AC/DC commitments we have little chance to do this, probably four or five times a year, but we had such a blast last year at Winstons we decided this was one of the few venues that we were going to put this show on". Expect nothing more than an explosive show and

with tickets selling fast this looks like being another Tickets are £10 in advance, £13 on the night and

are available from Winstons, Beer Village Stores and Axe Music in Axminster.

As well as their website and Lemonrock page, Winstons also have a full list of events on a sheet which can be picked up from the bar







Comedy Café's **Big Night Out**

MOCK THE WEEK regular Angela Barnes is coming to Bridport to headline the Arts Centre's first Comedy Cafe 'Big Night

The BBC New Comedy Award winner was last at the venue as tour support for Alan Carr and now has a glittering TV career of her own with appearances on the likes of Stand Up for the Week, Russell Howard's Good News and Alan Davies As Yet Untitled as well as regular appearances on BBC radio 4.

Angela's personable, self-deprecating style has made her one of the most exciting new acts to emerge on the scene in recent years and her gag rate and observational skills are second to none so is sure to be the perfect act to launch the new

Supporting Angela on Friday, March 25th will be Ignacio Lopez, as seen on ITV's 'Show Me The Funny' and Welsh funnyman Rob Hughes who last year performed in Bridport at last year's Jurassic Fields Festival.

The Big Night Out show is a new departure for

the Arts Centre's regular comedy café night. The Comedy café, established regular intervals throughout the year on a Friday night and feature three headliners, including a TV name to close the show.

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tinue to run on a monthly basis in the more intimate café environment, featuring circuit headliners and the best new acts from the

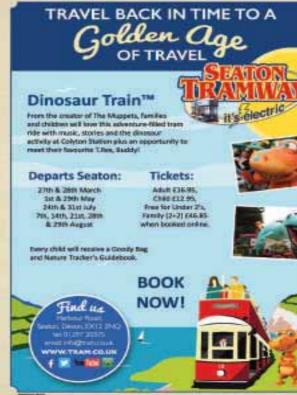
Rob Hughes

Comedy Café resident MC, Bridport's own Tom Glover, will host the new 'Bug Night Out' show and personally hand pick the line ups from the best of the UK circuit.

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5TIPS FOR AN ECO RENOVATION

Are you looking to renovate a property before selling? Try these 5 tips for an eco renovation!

1. WHAT TO KEEP:

By Julia Gray, Press Association

recyclables to get chucked in with the

When renovating, it's tempting to rip everything out and start again, but there may be things you can keep, upcycle or get a professional to restore. In period properties especially, original features - even if they're not in perfect condition - usually add value and character. Filler, sandpaper and paint can transform all sorts of things that seem beyond repair - it's often simply a case of putting in the time and making the effort.

- **2. PRE-OWNED ITEMS:** When you have to buy things for your home, how about something someone else no longer wants? Websites like eBay and Freecycle are full of pre-owned items that have lots of life left in them, whether you're looking for fireplaces, floorboards, basins, or kitchen units and appliances the list is endless.
- 3. THE MATERIALS YOU USE: Many of us consider food miles when doing our weekly shop, but perhaps not where the products we use to renovate our homes come from. This may depend on your budget for example, slate or stone from Brazil or India might be cheaper than British versions, but it's come a lot further and may have other ethical and environmental negatives associated with its production.
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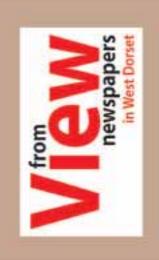


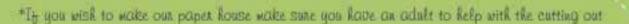


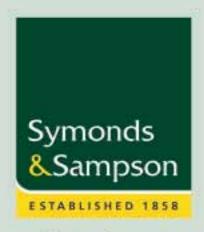
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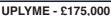
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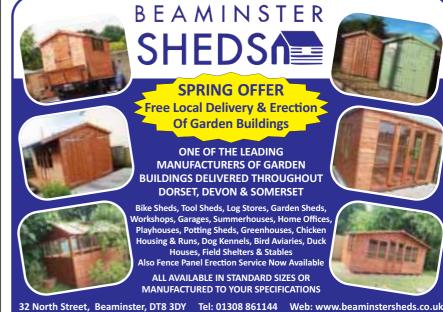
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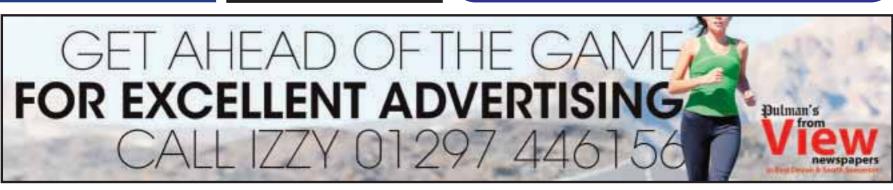
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Volvo Car UK announces pricing and specification details of new S90 and V90



▲ The new Volvo S90

THE new Volvo S90 and V90 are now available to order in the UK, with on-the-road prices starting at £32,555 for the S90 saloon and £34,555 for the V90 estate.

The S90 and V90 are the latest models to be built on Volvo's all-new Scalable Product Architecture (SPA) platform and benefit from Volvo's ground-breaking Drive-E powertrains. Like the XC90 before them, they feature the new face of Volvo, including the T-shaped LED headlights that make them instantly recognisable.

Both models will initially be available with a choice of two 2.0-litre, four-cylinder diesel engines - the tax-efficient D4 and the powerful and refined D5 PowerPulse – and in two trim levels, Momentum and Inscription

The front-wheel-drive 190 hp D4 comes with an eight-speed automatic gearbox, and offers combined fuel consumption of 64.2 mpg and CO2 emissions of just 116 g/km in the S90. In the V90, these figures are 62.8 mpg and 119 g/km.

The 235 hp D5 utilises an innovative technology called PowerPulse to boost responsive

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Every version of the S90 and V90 is luxuriously equipped. As standard, even entry-level Momentum cars come with leather upholstery, LED headlights with active high beam, twozone climate control with 'CleanZone' air-filtration system, keyless engine starting and heated front seats.

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Moving up to Inscription adds Nappa soft

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SEAT announces UK pricing and specification for new-look Ibiza CUPRA range

TWENTY years on from the birth of its iconic CUPRA performance arm, which all started with an Ibiza, SEAT has confirmed UK pricing and specification for the latest version of its pocket rocket. Among several key changes for the New Ibiza CUPRA are a new two-tier range, plus a raft of technical enhancements including a new engine with even more power and torque, plus the small matter of the reintroduction of a manual gearbox.

The New Ibiza CUPRA shows the essence of the SEAT brand in its purest form - emotional design, outstanding performance and state-of-the-art technology, combined to create one of the most dynamic and enjoyable hot superminis to live with.

Exclusively available in the SC (Sports Coupé) bodystyle, the new-look UK Ibiza CUPRA line-up will be available in two versions. Kicking things off is the standard CUPRA for £18,100, £880 less than the previous model (with DSG transmission), rising to £18,900 for CUPRA Black, which is expected to be the best-selling version.

Raft of technical improvements

Among a series of changes with the New Ibiza CUPRA, arguably the two most telling are the switch to a six-speed manual gearbox, plus, a new, even more potent engine. In relation to the former, where 80% of the UK hot supermini class is stick shift-based, SEAT will be looking to make significant inroads.

On top of these alterations come larger front brakes, plus CUPRA Drive Profile with adjustable damping and steering, offering two modes, Comfort and Sport.

Motoring View

Powering the halo model in the Ibiza lineup is a completely new engine. Out goes the previous supercharged 1.4, replaced by a 1.8 TSI pushing out an additional 12 PS, and crucially, a hefty dose of 70Nm additional torque, up to 320Nm, across a much broader rev range of 1,450 to 4,250 rpm. Performance is impressive with zero to 62 mph dispatched in just 6.7 seconds, before heading on to a top speed of 146 mph. At the same time, its potency doesn't come at the expense of frugality, with fuel economy of 45.6 mpg on the combined cycle.

Expressive design with powerful lines

The new Ibiza CUPRA has a powerful and edgy stance, with the three-door Sports Coupé brought to life by sharply executed lines and edges. The accentuated rear shoulders and exclusive 17-inch alloy wheels also underline its performance. The high-gloss black door mirrors and front grille frame set a clear contrast to the Ibiza CUPRA's paintwork, while at the rear its broad bumper frames a substantial matt-black diffuser which incorporates the race-honed central exhaust tailpipe. Emoción Red is the standard free-of-charge paint choice.

The upgrades continue on the inside, with the latest Ibiza CUPRA taking a series of styling cues from its bigger brother, Leon. In comes a much higher quality interior, with more premium and tactile touches including a new steering wheel, air vents, instrument panel and infotainment systems.

Extensive equipment

As well as the series of improvements under the skin, the New Ibiza CUPRA also ushers in several new items of equipment, including a five-inch Media System with colour touchscreen and DAB digital radio. Bluetooth® audio streaming and hands-free system, plus multi-function steering Wheel In keeping with SEAT's safety expertise, Hill Hold Control and Tiredness Recognition System have also been added to its long list of core equipment.

Equipment on both versions is lavish. The standard CUPRA profers 17-inch 'Barcino' alloy wheels, auto lights and wipers, XDS electronic differential lock, CUPRA front sports seats, electrically adjustable, heated and folding door mirrors, plus climate control and cruise control. On the outside, the entry

point to SEAT's CUPRA line-up is immediately . distinguishable through bi-xenon headlamps with cornering lights and LED daytime running lights and LED rear lights, plus tinted glass on the side and rear windows. Moving up to the range-topping, and

likely UK best-selling version, CUPRA Black, brings with it a whole host of styling and technology additions. Costing £800 more than the standard CUPRA, but offering around £1,000 worth of additional equipment, for an even sportier and striking look, it welcomes black alloy wheels with red

brake calipers. It also benefits from a Navigation System with 6.5-inch colour touchscreen, 3D map display, voice recognition and two SD card slots.

Unsurprisingly, given the generous standard equipment list for both versions of the New Ibiza CUPRA, buyers won't need to be ticking every box in the options list with wild abandon. However, for those seeking the ultimate in comfort, style and technology, there are several tempting items available. Among them for CUPRA are SEAT Sound which profers six high-quality speakers, a boot mounted subwoofer and an amplifier for £155, as well as Navigation System (includes Media System Plus with 6.5-inch color touchscreen with proximity sensor, MP3 compatible CD player and Bluetooth™ voice recognition) at £580 and Full Link for an enticing £145.

Taking the cabin ambience even higher on both versions are three upmarket additions; sporty Alcantara upholstery for £400, a panoramic glass sunroof at £495, together with ambient interior lighting for only £60. All prices quoted include VAT



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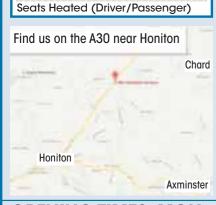
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Football tables Football round-up

Magpies strike back with Walker brace

SPORT

Evo-Stik Souther Premier – att; 523

NATHAN Walker often has a knack of popping up with vital goals, and he did so again on Saturday when he scored in the final minute of each half to snatch a win for the Magpies who played the entire second period with 10 men after Franklyn Clarke had been

dismissed for two yellow cards.
Still smarting from their 2-1 home defeat to bottom side Bideford in midweek, and with manager Mark Jermyn's comments that they were now 'playing for their places for next season' ringing in their ears, they dug in and showed much of the character that has seen them reach within touching distance of a play-off place.

Dorchester set up the team to soak up the pressure, and early on the Linnets produced nearly all the shots on goal with Shane Murphy busy between the sticks, although he did need Nick Crittenden to clear Lee Stevenson's shot off the line.

Neal Martin signalled Dorchester's growing intent when he headed just wide five minutes before the break.

But then, with a minute of normal time remaining in the first half, Walker got on the end of a long throw to head goalwards, and when the ball rebounded to him off Linnets keeper Alex Street's legs, he prodded it home to give the Magpies the lead.

Clarke who had earlier been booked for a tackle, was then involved in an altercation with Michael Clunan in added time; the result a booking for both and dismissal for the Dorchester midfielder for a second caution.

The hosts, a man to the good pushed for the equaliser after the break, and Stevenson had two good opportunities before Jacek Zielonka cut in from the right on 71 minutes before bending his shot around Murphy into the far corner.

With three minutes left it looked like the defiant Dorchester rearguard action had been breached as Sam Mulready set up Liam Hurse three yards from goal and the goal at his mercy, but he inexplicably blasted his shot over

Dorchester made them pay for the error when with a minute left on the clock, a great ball from Neil Martin found Walker who took it on his chest and held off Sam Gaughran and Matty Castellean before clinically finishing

Asked the players reaction to his public dressing down after the Bideford game Jermyn said:

"I wouldn't say it was a standout performance, but we fought hard to stay in the game, and the one thing you can take from it is that we defended really

well which is a massive positive.
"We always knew that with a number of personnel missing we were going to have to play by defending and hitting them on the attack and that worked.

He added: "If the players had showed the same desire as in this game against Bideford, they would have won hands

"Considering it is the first season for a ot of the players as well as Nick (Critenden) and my first season in management, we are happy with the team's performance so far, but we should be at least nine to twelve points better off hat we are now, but the league doesn't

.We didn't stop against Kings Lynn and some of us were really holding on, and that's what got us the win.

In such a small group we must all go in the same direction, and one thing I can't allow is for that to be disturbed which means that skill and technical ability has to come second to desire."

The Magpies boss was full of praise for defender Nathan Walker who has been used a number of times this season to lead the attack.

"Some people say that Nathan is just a centre half playing up front. That's because he is essentially a defender, but for all his attacking faults, I would like to know his goal ratio when he plays up front?

"He's scored a hell of a lot of goals and set up a lot of assists and brings people into play. He's a big guy that causes a lot of problems, and at the moment I can't play him in defence because he is doing so well up top."

Dorchester Town 1 Bideford 2

Evo-Stik Premier- att; 251

DORCHESTER Town manager Mark Jermyn, angry and embarrassed following his side 2-1 home defeat by basement side Bideford last Tuesday has admitted that the majority of his squad are now "playing for their futures" at the club next season.

The Magpies boss who was sat in the stands due to suspension, watched as his side surrendered an early lead and were then outfought by the North Devon side who had only registered three wins all season.

The defeat also dented Dorchester's own thoughts of a play-off Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division

The county town boss was angry that his side had not followed the instructions that were ringing in his player's ears as they left the dressing room

Talking to *View Sport* he said: "I told them that once they had scored a goal, which I thought was inevitable against a side lacking confidence, to make sure we don't give them an opportunity, and within 45 seconds they had a shot on target. I also warned them about Stephen Reed's ability from set pieces around the box.

"It is also very apparent at the moment that we can't defend set pieces, no matter what combination of personnel or shape we use despite continually working on it.

"Our season is not over by any means, we still have a lot of games to play but I think, after Tuesday, the players need to reflect on themselves and what actually got them this far so far this sea-

"But, ultimately, what they need to take stock of is that, pretty much, they are not as good as what they thought they were.

Apologising to the club's supporters for what he described as an "inept performance" he added: "Certainly one of the things that have been praised since I came in is that we don't stop, but this performance was so far under par. I feel embarrassed and hurt and the players know that.

"What let us down was something I didn't think I would say this season, which was heart and desire.

"Maybe one or two of them could say they tried as hard as they could but, for the rest of them, they let themselves down, they let me down, and I won't be having it for the rest of the season.

"We work very hard for our goals. It just seems that we give away goals very simply."

The Magpies took a 10th minute lead

marked to pick his spot with a header from six yards from Toby Holmes' cross. Howeve.r Dorchester failed to press

home the advantage and Bideford equalised on 28 minutes when Billy Tucker's corner was flicked on by Dan Harrison and Walker, in trying to hold off the attentions of Chris McGrath, headed into his own net.

Walker was then forced to clear a cross in front of goal as Bideford grew in stature as Dorchester appeared to

The second half didn't improve with Bideford easily defending Dorchester's best attempts on goal, although Moore had to be quick to punch the ball away from the near post following Jake Smeeton's inswinging corner.

However two minutes later the Robins scored the goal that gave them only their second away victory of the campaign

When Dorchester conceded a free kick on the right hand angle of the box, former Terras defender Reed stepped up to curl a superb beyond Murphy into the far corner of the net.

They could have added more in the final half hour. Kevin Squire held off Walker but shot straight at the advancing Murphy, then when Bradley Tarbuck lost the ball, Jamie Chamberlain fired over, With the last kick of the game, Murphy spread himself to block another shot from Chamberlain.

Looking to the future Jermyn said they would now be assessing the squad with regards to who they would like to keep for next season.

"We will certainly be talking to people that we want to keep for next season. The players that we don't have conversations with, they really need to pull something out the bag for the rest of the season.

"Now, they are playing for their futures.

"It's not just about the results, it's about if they are going to be here next season and it will be on a week-toweek basis

"Some people probably won't see out the season now. It's up to them to keep themselves here and it's as simple as

"Everybody is up at the end of the season and, at the moment there are probably a couple of people who can be assured that they will be here, but as for everybody else, everybody now is fighting to stay at Dorchester.

"They have got to show that they want to be here."

Lane at the double

Dorset Premier League

LEAGUE leaders Shaftesbury Town won 3-2 at Westlands to maintain their eight point lead at the top.

Meanwhile second-placed BALTI SPORTS ended Hamworthy United's four-game winning run, winning 2-0 courtesy of a Ricky Lane double at the County Ground.

Elsewhere a Conor Jevons goal was enough to clinch all three points for a wasteful WEYMOUTH RESERVES in a 1-0 win at Wareham Rangers.

League Cup

CUP holders Hamworthy Recreation proved too strong for last season's runners-up Mere winning 3-0 at the King George V to progress into the semi fi-

Dorset Senior Trophy Semi Final

MERLEY Cobham Sports made it to the

final after winning 3-2 at Sherborne

However, they will have to wait to see

who they will be playing as the other

Semi between Bridport Res and Parley

Sports was postponed due to a water-

Dorset League Senior Division

CHICKERELL UTD increased their lead

at the top to five points following with

a 4-0 win at Piddletrenthide Spartans.

A Jordan Butler hat trick and an own

goal helped DORCHESTER SPORTS

move up into the top three after their

4-0 victory against Blandford United

PORTLAND UNITED RESERVES

moved off the foot of the table after

DORSET DIVISION ONE

BOSCOMBE Polonia moved up into

joint top spot thanks to a conclusive 8-

0 hammering of Swanage Town & Her-

ston Reserves. Garbiel Borowski (4), Karol Borowski (2), Maciej Jaksztas and

Wincanton Town Reserve shared the

points and six goals at PORTLAND

TOWN whose goals came from Daniel

DORCHESTER SPORTS RESERVES

stay in fourth place after they shared

the points with a 0-0 home draw

against Shaftsbury Town Reserves.

MichaelWesowski scored the goals.

Sheppard (2) and Elliott Gould.

their 1-0 win at Corfe Mullen United.

Town Reserves.

logged St Mary's.

Moonfleet

Moonfleet A 38

Wellworthy 49
MOONFLEET Indoor
Bowls Club's A team travelled across town to take on Wellworthy for last Ladies County League match of the season.

Margaret Hooper, Lynda Bryson, June Searle & skip Madge Churches took on D Gale, R Glanville, M Clements & skip S Willis who moved into a strong early lead to lie 15–3 ahead after eight ends before see-

Mathie, Jill Poulter, Chris Thompson & skip Ann Chislett had a similarly challenging contest against P Durant, J Gillespie, J Os-

Moonfleet took the lead over the first three ends. but the hosts, with a timely four-shot haul on end four. were soon in contention and had built up an 18-8 lead by end 14.

The visitors continued to fight back during the final seven ends, but the gap was too great and the Wellworthy quartet finished with a

DIVISION TWO

PIDDLEHINTON Utd moved off the foot of the table with a 2-0 win against visitors Puddletown with goals from Jon Frampton and John Stringer.

Parley Sports Reserves moved up to second with a 6-3 home win in an entertaining clash with Wareham Rangers Reserves. Matt Newbery (2), Dan Hiscock (2), Jake Line and Michael Laronde scored for the winners.

Fifth placed Corfe Castle remain on the shoulder of the leaders after thrashing visiting Tisbury 5-1with goals from Matt Suttle (2), Jack Hector (2) and Richard Gibbons. While Jordan Fisher netted the consolation.

AFC Milborne move further away from the drop zone with a hard-fought 2-1 win at Mere Town Reserves with the Mere consolation coming from Lee Christopher.

DIVISION THREE

MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK'S promotion charge received a dent with a 4-1 reverse at midtablers Sturminster Newton Utd Reserves thanks to goals Kevin Monaghan, Sam Stockley, Liam Samways and Chris Pym.

DIVISION FOUR

DONHEAD Utd stay in the top three despite being held to a 1-1 draw at PORTLAND TOWN A. Alex Counter netted for the hosts.

DIVISION FIVE

RUNAWAY leaders PORTLAND TOWN B maintained their 10 point lead at the top with a 2-0 win Lytchett & Upton with goals from Paul Cole and Tom Skelcher.

Second placed Okeford Utd poured more misery on struggling hosts Crossways Spitfires with a 7-0 victory.

Finally, a Liam Searle strike consigned CHICKÉRELL UTD A to a 1-0 defeat at Marnhull Reserves.

Bowls

Local derby defeat for

ing out a 25–12 victory.

On the other rink Mairi

borne & skip J Robertson.

Moonfleet B 41 Bridport B 33 MOONFLEET B enter-

tained Bridport B in this last Ladies County league

match of the season.
Sue Paull, Sue Trott,
Trixie Dempsey & skip Sue Board had a close contest against B Stork, P Pither, A Parkins & J Tattershall.

Moonfleet dominated over the first nine ends and moved onto an early 11-4 lead, but the visitors fought back and only trailed 14-13 by end 17.
With scores level on the

next end, everything hung on the last three ends and. with Bridport adding three shots to one for Moonfleet, the hosts were pipped at the post 17-15.

On the other rink Ann Sherman, Sheila Escott, Judy Why & skip Heather Gillingham entertained the other Bridport quartet with skip M Marsh.

The first eight ends were nip and tuck with Bridport just one ahead at 10-9 to the home rink.

The next six ends saw Moonfleet widen the gap to 17-12 and the local quartet took control, only dropping 26–16 victory and an overall total of 41–33.

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Martinstown: set to clear the cobwebs

AFTER an exciting winter playing indoor fixtures in the West Dorset League and a full training programme, Martinstown Cricket Club head outside for the Summer on Saturday, March 26th which is the annual Natwest CricketForce day.

This is when the club prepares it's beautiful Ashton Ground for the new season ner. Old and new members are more than welcome at the session which runs between 10am until 1pm, with prospective members having an ideal opportunity to view the club and meet the mem-

Meanwhile the club's youth sessions for under 9 to under 13 cricketers commences on Wednesday April 13th at 6pm.

Two days later (Friday April 15th) the under 15s begin at 5.30pm.
The adults sessions com-

mence on Monday April 4th at 6pm..

Youth Coordinator Lee House said: "2015 was a great year for the club. We had approximately 100 children play cricket and de-velop their skills in a fun, safe environment. A number of our sides picked up titles and were also selected to play representative cricket. "What was most pleasing

however was the desire to play cricket, and to do so in the right spirit, something we strongly encourage as a club."

If you would like more information contact Lee House (07966504806) or Club Captain. Matthew Rimmer (07960 503816). Alternatively therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk

or visit martinstown.playcricket.com.

Horse Racing

Local boy Legg at Cheltenham

jockey Michael Legg was due to be heavily involved in the action yesterday (Tuesday) on the opening day of the presti-Cheltenham gious Festival.

Legg (25) was due to ride the Colin Tizzardtrained Native River in race six - the 146th National Hunt Chase Chal-(Listed lenge Cup Amateur Riders' Novices' Chase) due off : at 4.50pm.



Photo ROB COOMBE

An eye on the Bees - Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Senior decides to call it a day

be leaving Bridport Football Club at the end of the season.

The 54-year old former Reading and Middlesbrough striker has decided that after seven seasons at the helm of the Bees it is time to stand down, and will leave St Mary's Field at the end of the current campaign in what is his second spell at the club.

He told club chairman Adrian Scadding of his decision in a telephone call on Wednesday morning.

Senior told *View Sport*: "I'm leaving on good terms. I've had ten years over the two spells at the club and have thoroughly enjoyed it. There are some great people there working tirelessly off the field, and I have had great support from the players.

My first spell was "old school", but the games changed particularly over the last couple of years.

"Players have got so many other distractions from football, and whilst we have some dedicated players at the club, I was finding it more difficult to keep everybody happy when they're available, and it was difficult to maintain a settled side due to unavailability.

That's the only negative thing about the players as regards to some of their commitment. However there has always been a good spirit at the club."

On his decision to call it a day he said: "I've been contemplating leaving for a while. There have been a few things over the last couple of weeks or so that have finally made my mind up.

"It's made me think whether I can get my head around another pre-season, trying to get and keep players and sorting out preseason friendlies. After Tuesday's game where I had one or two negative comments from around the ground I felt that I couldn't, and that it was time for someone else to have a go. Perhaps a fresh face at the helm might be just what Bridport need.

"For me, it's the end of an era because I have loved it at Bridport, it's a great club, and I obviously wish them all the best in the

"I have fifteen games left now and hopefully I can go out on a high. I just feel having made the decision the pressure has lifted a bit, and I just want to enjoy it, which I

"When I spoke to my wife Karen on Wednesday night she said I will know when it is time, and that's now."

Bridport Football Club Chairman Adrian Scadding said: "We'll be sorry to see him go, but respect his decision. He's been with the club for ten years over the two spells and has become a good friend as well as man-

"He' served the club well, been a very loyal and hard working and helps a lot fundraising as well as running the football side, and the club is very appreciative of that.

Having spoken on Wednesday, he told me he felt it was time for a break. It was a mutual decision and he has agreed to stay until the end of the season to allow us time to find a replacement. I wish him every success in what he may do in the future.

Long serving defender Ryan Hayter who has been at the club for more than a decade and for all of Senior's second spell said of his boss: "He's been a really good manager for Bridport and I don't think there is a manager in the Toolstation Western league that is currently as long at one club. He has brought stability at St Mary's, got us promotion back up to the Premier Division almost immediately, and kept us there.

"He's a really nice guy and all the players who have played under him really like him, and has made a good impression. It will be very different without him being there, but I wish him all the best in the future."

Dorchester-born Senior had a distinguished professional career as a player after being signed by Portsmouth from the Magpies for £35k in 1981.

He then moved on to Reading where he scored an incredible 184 goals in 362 games in two spells (1983-1987 and 1988-1992) and helping the Royals to two promotions from the old Division Four to Division Two (now the Championship).

In between he played briefly for Watford and Middlesbrough where he scored two vital goals in Boro's promotion to Division One, what is now the Premiership.

He moved into management in 1995 at Weymouth before taking charge at St Mary's in 1997 where he stayed three seasons before moving to Bridgwater Town.

He returned in the summer of 2009 and

station Western League Premier Division in 2010-11 after a seven year break.

Weeks quits Bees

ASHLEY Weeks has sensationally walked out on Bridport after claiming that as long as Trevor Senior was manager of the club he wouldn't work with him.

The revelation came after a telephone conversation on Monday night when Senior, who has been in charge at St Mary's Field for almost seven years, checked on the former Portland United keeper's availability after a bout of sickness that has seen him miss the last four matches. Confirming Weeks' departure, Senior said:

"We had a meeting during which a number of things were discussed including his availability for both the first team and reserves following his lay-off.

"Having said that he could be available to play against Welton Rovers on Tuesday, I suggested that perhaps he might play for the Reserves at Shaftesbury on Wednesday instead, to which he declined saying that he couldn't see himself playing for the club whilst I was still manager and didn't want to play.

"As a result he has left the club, but I wish him all the best for the future."

Weeks joined Bridport 18 months ago but has had spells out due to a back injury.



Bridport & West Dorset Golf

WITH PETER CROWTHER

Peter and Paddy are top pairing

IT WAS a fine sunny Sunday morning with very little wind for the men's competition and surprisingly there was a low turnout of only 34 starters for the Atherton Cup, a Flag Greensome where partners are drawn, one low and one high handicap player in each

The first three teams all got past the 18th green before using up their allotted strokes which led to a very close finish.

The winners were Peter Marshall(9) & Paddy McMaster(21) who finished a foot from the 19th hole. In second were Mike Vincent(12) & Andy Webb(21) who finished one yard from the 19th hole.

Finishing on the edge of the 19th green were third placed Graham Hunt(6) & Charles Summers(26).

Veterans Section

THE veterans Thursday competition was their annual event to raise money for the prostrate cancer charity.

Once again the weather was kind to the mature section of the club as 49 men turned out for this Stableford which was the first veteran's 18 hole competition for some months due to the course improvements.

The winning scores turned in were quite modest and surprisingly, lower than some carded in recent months over 16 holes.

Top score of the day came from Division Two where winner John Pitchford scored 36 points with runner-up Mick Kelson one point behind. One point further back was the winner of Division One Alan Harvey with 34 points who nudged Jimmy Gbadebo into second place after count-back.

Colin Clark organised the event and £833 was sent to the Prostrate Cancer Charity which included £50 from the ladies and £147 from the veteran's open days last year. RESULTS

Division One; 1st (acb) Alan Harvey(17) 34 points, 2nd Jimmy Gbadebo(12) 34, 3rd Bob Harding(16) 33, 4th Malcolm Noble(17) 31.

Division Two: 1st John Pitchford(22) 36 points, 2nd Mick Kelson(24) 35, 3rd Alex Millar(28) 33, 4th Dudley Rose(28) 31.

Ladies' Section by Di Neal

OUR annual coffee morning was held on Tuesday and we were delighted to welcome members, friends and visiting golfers.

Last year's captain Liz Thompson presented a cheque for £2,000 to her charity Julia's House, and our current Captain Pat Baldwin introduced us to Louise Lakeman from her chosen her charity this year Dorset Young Carers based in Dorchester.

Five members played in the first round of the Mail on Sunday at home to Exminster



◆ THANK YOU: Last year's captain, Liz Thompson (right), presents the cheque for £2,000, raised during her year in charge of the Ladies, to Julia House fund raiser, Hannah Robinson.

The team of Nicky Stone, Carole Brown, Marion Hurley, Toshiko Rickets & Sally Woolmington were successful and progress into the second round.

Bowls

Ladies A on a roll

Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Club

BRIDPORT Ladies A team's recent good form continued in the County League as they picked up maximum points after a 40-28 win over BOURNEMOUTH

Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp won 21-15 whilst Pamela Daters, Lyn Craddock, Margaret Pestelle & Sue Walsh were victorious by 19-13. In Division Two Bridport's B picked up two points against Moonfleet B with Beryl Stork, Penny Pither,

Anne Parkins & Jan Tattershall winning 17-15. However, Viv Gill, Rosie Wilton, Barbara Jenkins & Mary Marsh went down 16-26 for an overall 33-41 defeat. Against the ISLE OF PURBECK Sylvia Fletcher,

Stork, Parkins & Tattershall secured another two points, winning 17-16, but Gill, Joan Higman, Joan Griffiths & Marsh just missed out on maximum points as they lost 19-22, although Marsh put in the best performance of the day.

David Jenkin, Brian Baker, David Aylott & Mike

Craddock were top rink in Bridport's friendly at the MADERIA Club (Exmouth) winning 32-14. Joan and Mel Griffiths, John Boxall & Mel Hargett also won 21-14, but Gerry Moss, Roger Cowmeadow, Keith Jenkins & Brian Rumble went down 12-22.

Against MOONFLEET, although Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Harry Gray, & Mel Hargett thumped their opponents 32-11, they were Bridport's only winners.

Pam Gray, Stork, Boxall & Brian Pratt were flying at 16-5 up, but ended up 17-17. However, heavy defeats for the rinks of Robert and Margaret Fifield, Baker & Gerry Moss and Sandra Hargett, Thelma Pratt, John Davies & Aylott, gave Moonfleet an over-

Lyme Regis Golf

George the Best!

GEORGE Seed shot a steady round in the March medal to win **Division One**, carding a gross 71, nett 70, to finish one shot ahead of Neal Cullen and Phil Webb who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

There were some good scores in **Division Two** as James Turner beat Mark Colley on countback, both with a nett 70, with 3rd place going to Mark Lewis

The Ladies' Teague Foursomes was comfortably won by the steady combination of Di Smith & Sheila Claringbold who scored 76.5. But there was keen competition for other places as Felicity Poole & Joy Madge came 2nd with 83.0 from Ellie Langford & Kathy Briggs 83.5.

The **Junior Stableford** was won by Lewis Gibbons with 33 points from Cameron Moss, 27 and Dominic

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, March 21st Losers Cup C & D (R3) Monday, March 21st Brandy Snaps v L.H.S. Tuesday, March 22nd Alcoholics v Yo Yo's. Wednesday, March 23rd Stingers v Groundhogs. Thursday, March 24th Survivors v Alleycats.

Knock Out Cup (R4) Tuesday, March 22nd The Dingles v Broadoak.

Wednesday, March 23rd Shipfaced v Miss the Ball. Thursday, March 24th Originals v Bange Bangers, Lively Lads v Rejects.

Mixed Pairs (R3) Wednesday, March 23rd LODERS ARMS - T & S Luter:

N Pye & L Bowditch; M Huxter & C Huxter; M Horton & M Hansford; S Gale & N Broad; C Hop-kins & C lambert; C Willcox & T Cornish; S Beal & J Cake.

American football

WEST Dorset's American football team the Jurassic Coast Raptors' schedule for the 2016 season in the Southern Football Conference Division Two (W) is as follows:

Home games (Played at Dorchester

RFC - DT1 2HX) May 22nd v Oxford Jun 26th v Cornish July 10th v Swindon July 24th v Bristol August 14th v Torbay Away games April 10th v Swindon April 24th v Cornish May 8th v Bristol June 12th v Torbay July 31st v Oxford



Results

Bridport Darts Division One Rubber Johns Rob's Robbers 16 BSC 16 Fleet Street Five17 Nomads Hands of Time . . . Nags Head A 16 Noth'n But Treble 17

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Division Two	Pld	Pts
Les Miserables	16	27
Elders	16	26
One for the Vikings .	16	23
Respect-de-Bull	16	21
Dat Team	15	20
Anchor V Viewers	16	11
Otter Rotters	14	9
Poachers	15	6
Royal Hawks	15	6
Time Bombs	15	5
Division Three	Pld	Pts

Division Three F	ld	Pts
Anchor Five	15	26
Tiger Bees	15	19
Flashes Fives		
The Surgeons	15	16
Mis Fits		
No Direction	14	15
Midnight Runners	15	14
Only Just	15	13
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Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dart Vaders	15	27
Wicked Team Name	16	21
The Nameless	15	20
Whamo	15	17
Dodgers	14	16
Odds & Sods		
Thunder Birds AG	15	12
Sorted Odds	15	12
Mozzies Heroes	16	7
Ace of Clubs	15	6
Ladies Division 1	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	23	40
Arrows Awry	23	33
Tender Trap		
Sue's Rebels	23	24
Clocking On		
Ougan Roos		1.2

Against the Odds	
Ladies Division 2 Pld Pts Queenies OTC	
Next Door	
Good Mates	
Wrong Bed)
Charlie's Angels	
180c: D1 - M Fisher v8	

D2 - S.Crabb, A.Coutts & P.Rowley all x3, D3 R.Hayter & S.West both x2, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 S.James x2, LD2 -T.Wayland (Wrong

Lyme Darts

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Hunters Lod	ge		15	12	ı
Royal Standa	ard		15	9	ı
Cobb Arms .			17	8	ı
our's Comp	any	<i>/</i>	19	4	ı
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180s leaders: C.Higgs (7), M.Barnett, R.Cross & T.Prowse (all 5), D.Herbert (4), A.Reid, T.Young & T.Peadon (all 3).

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Bridport Rugby

THIS was a terrific con-

test with no quarter given on either side. Yeovil emerging the victors by a small margin over the course of two short games, four tries to three and three tries to

Bridport flourished when they put into practice the hard earned lessons of Wednesday night training and moved the ball about, and most imkept portantly shape in defence.

When they forgot those lessons the opposition particularly through one elusive runner who was quick to exploit any gaps.

Bridport's three tries were all good ones, the first set up by Abi Alner after great support play and finished off by Henry

Charlie Brake added the

ish, and Barney Johnson the third, unstoppable from short range after a penalty.

Patrick May might have contributed equaliser, but was denied iust short of the line.

Bridport continued to play with great spirit in the second game with Charles Edwards indefatigable in defence and at the breakdown. Luke O'Neil and Abi

Alner were the scorers, both with strong runs to the line. Again though, lapses in defence allowed Yeovil three tries and the

Nevertheless the home side can take some positives from a determined performance as they look forward to next week's game at Lychett Minster.

Edwards and Everitt shared the Player-of-the-Day award

Sea angling round up

Practice paying off Mears hooks triple again

FOR the second year running West Bay Sea Angling Club's Ollie Mears won all three of the major leagues winning the Rickard Cup and Axminster Cup for best weight and points in the Thursday night series, the Saturday night Rovers competition the Andy Neal Roving Challenge, and the Daytime Cup for the Sunday afternoon

Whilst he was the main recipient at the club's annual presentation night held at Highlands End Eype recently, several other's won braces of titles.

Best lady in shore competitions was June Stokes who picked up the Andy Neal Roving Challenge Ladies Trophy, and the Ladies Shore Cup, whilst best junior in senior shore matches was Eden Lynham, who won both the Junior Cup (shore) and The Jake Neal Roving Challenge.
In the boat section Gerry Reed won

not only the Symes Cup, but the Boat Champions Shield, with Charlie Lawson winning the Junior Cup and the Churchouse Boat Plaque for best junior in boat matches.

The awards made by vice-president Maureen Jackson followed a delicious three-course meal after which chair Rod Barr thanked all those present for attending the evening.



awards (I-r): Paul House, Simon Bowditch, Ollie Mears, Aaron Chambers, Gerry Reed, Ewan Chambers, Rod Barr, Frances Kitchin, Craig Horton and Ian Draper.

The presentation started with the prizes for the club's species league. This year's winners were:

Senior League: 1st Ollie Mears

131pts, 2nd Paul House 127; Match points champion: Craig Horton 80pts, Lady Champion: Frances Kitchin 46pts; Handicap League: 1st Paul House 84pts, 2nd Simon Skinner

Junior League: 1st Nathan McMaster 95pts, 2nd Ewan Chambers 92; Match points champion: Nathan Mc-

The presentations ended with two awards that are highly valued by club

Craig Horton was awarded the Clubman Shield which goes to the member who has best supported club events throughout the year.

West Bay Water Sports were this

year's worthy winners of The President's Cup, awarded to the member whom the incumbent President considers has done the most work for the

The evening finished with a raffle and the committee would like to thank all those who donated prizes, as well as Highlands End for a wonderful meal, Craig Horton for organising the night and Adam Cullingford for collecting and sorting the trophies.

Men's (Division 2) British Legion 324 (+BL)

Miscellaneous

Lyme Skittles

Ladies George Nomination Cup semi-finals Wootton Wobblers 158

Hot Gossips 150, Generations bt Smashers

Final to be played on

Monday, June 6th at the

(w/e March 12th)

Men's Div 2 Curtis **Nomination Cup Semi** Roadrunners bt Flyers,

Alleytwits bt President's Men. Final to be played on Wednesday, June 8th at

Pilot Boat

Men's Div 1 George Nomination Cup Semi **Finals** No Hopers bt Clueless,

Marksmen 186 bt Skippy's Six 156. Final to be played on

Wednesday, June 8th at the George **Cup fixtures**

w/c March 20th Wednesday, March 23rd Dave Smith Mixed Pairs Semi Final THE GEORGE; G Bailey & L

Dare, R Parsons & G Parsons, E Blackmore & T Mayers, P Forsey & K Trott, D McNally & J Mc-Nally, J West & T West. ROUSDON CLUB; D Heath & R Bevis, L Taylor & M Williams, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Cross & A Rattenbury, S Rickard & K Bearpark.

Friday, April 1st Men's Pairs Semi-Final THE SHIP INN; R Bright & R Chappel, K Bearpark

& J Rickard, S Shaw & G Kent, M Williams & A Aldworth, A Studley & P Bearpark, P Liston & P Rattenbury, J Parsons & T Tozer, R Bovill & S Smith.

THE ROCK POINT; N Bearpark & A Dale,, D Welsh & A Churchill, M Croad & R Bevis, J Sims & B Rattenbury, V Foxwell & A Cross, A Rattenbury & J Fry, N Ellis & A Ellis, P Hodder & I Hodder.

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Miscellaneous

Wootton Wobblers Smashers

Young cricketers enthrall crowd **West Dorset Hawks Hockey**

Hawks fall to late Bude rally

West Dorset Hawks 3

WEST Dorset Hawks made the long journey to Bude for the final game of the season in the knowledge their place in Southern 2 was safe, but that their hosts were desperate for victory to make certain they staved up.

Bude led 2-0 at the break and extended that soon after the interval, before Hawks finally shook off the lethargy of the trip to and hit back Cornwall with goals from Henry Middleton, Robin Goodfellow and Steve Mearing.

Bude were not to be denied however and retook

Hawks piled forward in an attempt to level once again, but with some suffering from the effect of pre-game end of season celebrations, they were caught twice more on the break to finish losers by 6-

Considering West Dorset lost five of their opening six games of the season, they have done well to finish sixth.

The A team have had a very successful season, finishing third in South East 2, beaten to the runners-up spot by Bridgwater on goal difference.

nce again a knowledgeable and supportive crowd were truly entertained as The West Dorset

indoor League continued at The Osprey Centre

Bere Regis under 14s 83-3 beat Charlton Down 80-3 by three runs

IN A GAME were the bowlers dominated, Bere Regis emerged victorious in a thrilling encounter. Batting first Bere scored at a steady

rate before Jacob George was caught by George Harfield off the bowling of Lewis Harrington (2-0-14-1). Incoming batsman Harry Green (12)

in partnership with the impressive Elliot Woodhouse (38 no) looked to push the score on but Charlton Down gave an excellent display in the field and restricted Bere to 83.

Charlton Down's reply got of to the worst possible start with Ollie Davis run out with out scoring in the first over as Bere looked to apply pressure.

Charlton Down battled hard with Dipple (12) and Harry Ackerman (21) just about keeping up with the run rate. With 10 needed of the final over

Bere's Jacob George (3-0-26-0) held his nerve conceding only seven runs.

Martinstown under 14s 175-3 beat Weymouth 80-4 by 95 runs BY CONTRAST to the previous game

Martinstown's batsman dominated from the first ball as they maintained their challenge for the under 14 title.

Sean Williams topped scored with a well judged 58 not out and, with excelsupport from Matthew Lappin (19). Jamie Stewert (16) and a superb 40 not out from Will Maltby, put the Weymouth attack to the sword amassing 175 from their allotted 12 overs.

Weymouth began slowly as the Martinstown bowlers gave very little away and looked to dominate with an excellent all round display.
Ben Alford (21) and Jack Taylor (19)

fought hard but never got on top of the Martinstown attack.

Martinstown under 16s 165-2 beat Wevmouth108 all out by 57 runs AN IMPRESSIVE batting display

from an Martinstown enabled them to cruise to a comfortable win over Wey-

Batting first Martinstown lost the prolific Sean Williams for just one well caught by Ben Alford off the bowling of Tom Chedzoy (3-0-9-2). Jon Samways (35 no) and Nathen

McNab (33) then shared in a stand of 87 runs With these two retiring Will Maltby

(25 no) and Finley Williams (25 no) continued to punish the bowling.

But Weymouth never gave up and Chedzoy had McNab caught behind by Ellis as Martinstown set Weymouth 166 for victory.

Martinstown struck in the first over

with Kane (3-0-21-3) clean bowling Ben Alford for a duck

Jor Adkins (29) and Dylan Ellis (22) staged a spirited recovery but fell further behind the required run rate as the Martinstown attack gave little away Kane dismissed two in two balls -

both to impressive catches by Samways - and when Maltby (1-0-5-1) had Joe James (24) caught once again by the athletic Samways the game was sealed as Martinstown ran out worthy winners by 57 runs.

Table Skittles

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Tips from an expert!

THE Sir John Colfox U15 boys and volleyball teams were treated to an expert training session with New Zealand international beach volleyball player Kirk Pitman, current head coach at the indoor beach volleyball centre at the LeAF Academy in Poole

Although teams qualified to represent Dorset at an earlier tournament, they have little experi ence on sand, so the opportunity practice on the actual courts will hopefully give them the successful result they are looking for ahead of their final prepafor the School 23rd. Some of the players have also now linked to

ball Club which takes place indoors Wednesday evening, at Beaminster School



Cribbage

LYME REGIS Results - March 7th: New Inn Kilm B 1 Beer Club 4. Ax Con Club 3 Stepps 2, Talbot Arms 4 Ax Inn 1, Nags Head 2 Ship Inn 3, Royal Oak 3 Old Inn Kilm 2, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm A 3. B/L; New Inn Kilm B 2

Beer Club 1, Ax Con Club 2 Stepps 1, Talbot Arms 2 Ax Inn 1, Nags Head 1 Ship Inn 2, Royal Oak 3 Old Inn Kilm 0, Gerrard Arms 2 New Inn Kilm A 1. Fixtures (March 21st); March Duke Beasley Pairs Competition at Axminster Con Club (7.30pm start).

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	Crown Inn B	16	126	26
	George West Bay	16	125	29
	Hope & Anchor	16	124	26
	Oddfellows	16	119	23
	Anchor Inn	16	117	20
	Ilchester Arms	16	107	21
	Ouarterdeck	16	101	21

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Thomson twin strike has Terras back in race

Weymouth 2 Stratford 1 Evo-Stik South Prem – att; 567

BEN Thomson's brace lifted Weymouth back into the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division play-off race as the Terras rode their luck against Stratford

The win courtesy of two second half goals after trailing at halftime sees Weymouth sit in eighth position and five points off a top five spot.

Weymouth found themselves a goal down after just six minutes when Ashley Wells felled Jamie Sheldon inside the box and Richard Gregory smashed his spot kick past keeper Jason Matthews.

Tails up, Jack Roberts, Sheldon and Kieron Westwood all went close for the visitors.

Weymouth finally got into the game and Mark Moseley went close twice when he first clipped the woodwork and then drew a good save from Andy Kemp. However Stratford could have doubled

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their lead justbefore the break when Matthews foiled Tyrone Fagan; rushing from goal to block him at the expense of a corner from which the Stratford striker was unlucky with a clever lob that beat the Terras manager and struck the cross-

Looking to get back on terms, Weymouth poured forward at the beginning of the second half but were almost caught out by a Stratford counter. On Ioan defender Kyle Clinton was flattened by Fagan guided his header into the path of Gregory who rounded Matthews but the ball bobbled as he was about to roll the ball into the net and he ballooned it over the bar.

Fagan was running riot and could have scored from two more chances; blazing over from close in and then heading

Having ridden their luck Weymouth hit back to equalise just after the hour when Chris Shephard back from injury, set up Thomson for an easy equaliser.

This gave the Terras momentum and they took the lead on 76 minutes when Thomson fired home a left foot shot through a crowded goalmouth following

Stratford should have equalised five minutes from time when substitute Simeon Tulloch chipped Matthews, but his effort just cleared the bar.

The Terras have 11 games in which to clinch a play-off place.

Bideford, who they were due to play last night (Tuesday) and Frome Town are in the bottom four, and should win, but they face tough challenges against five of the teams above them including away matches at Hungerford Town and Hitchin Town and home to leaders Poole Town over the Easter period.



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